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## Soviet, U.S. arms talks set June 29

WASHINGTON, May 31 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan announced Monday that the United States and the Soviet Union will begin strategic arms reduction talks in Geneva June 29.

In a speech prepared for delivery at a memorial day ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery, the president also said the United States would not undercut terms of existing strategic arms limitation treaties so long as the Soviet Union played by the same rules. "This is a fitting occasion to announce that START negotiations between our country and the Soviet Union will begin on June 29," the president said.

"As for existing strategic arms agreements, we will refrain from actions which undercut them so long as the Soviet Union shows equal restraint," he added. "With good will and dedication on both sides, I pray that we will achieve a safer world."

Reagan's announcement was loudly applauded by his audience. The U.S. delegation will be headed by Ambassador Edward Rowley. His Soviet counterpart will be Ambassador V.P. Karpov.

Western references say Karpov is a senior official in the Soviet Foreign Ministry and that his most recent position was as a disarmament specialist in the ministry's policy planning division. The references say he was an adviser at U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in 1969-70, and served as counselor to the Soviet Embassy in Washington in 1962-66.

On May 9, in a speech at Eureka College in Illinois, Reagan proposed sharply reducing U.S. and Soviet missile arsenals beginning with a one-third cutback from the current level of more than 7,000 warheads to 5,000 apiece. The expired 1972 SALT I agreement limited some offensive weapons as well as missile defenses. The 1979 SALT II agreement, which was signed by former President Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, was never ratified by the U.S. Senate, set ceilings on U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers, intercontinental ballistic missiles and multiple warheads.

Reagan once called the SALT II treaty "fatally flawed." But he has moved to reopen arms talks against a backdrop of rising fears in the United States and Europe about the possibility of nuclear war.

In the memorial day speech, Reagan referred to America's "potential adversaries" and said, "we must never fail to note, as frequently as necessary, the wide gulf between our codes of morality. That is why we must never hesitate to acknowledge the irreducible difference between our view of man as master of the state and their view of man as servant of the state."

The United States must never underestimate "the seriousness of their aspirations to global expansion," he said.

The president who departs Wednesday for a four-nation European journey, said that "honesty of mind" could "someday bring about a reduction in the terrible arms of destruction, arms that threaten us with war even more terrible than those that have taken the lives of the Americans we honor today."

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev said on May 18 that his country was willing to negotiate an agreement that would either ban or severely restrict the development of all new types of strategic armaments. He also called for a nuclear freeze as soon as the talks begin.

In Moscow, the official news agency Tass Monday reported the joint Soviet-U.S. decision to begin START in the near future. "Both sides attach great importance to these negotiations," Tass said, quoting the joint statement. There was no commentary attached to the seven-line Tass dispatch, and no immediate Soviet reaction followed its release.



Abdul Karim Al-Iryani  
**King receives Al-Iryani**

RIYADH, May 31 (SPA) — King Khaled received here Monday the Prime Minister of North Yemen Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Iryani who arrived here Monday on an official visit to the Kingdom.

The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan and others.

Prince Fahd visited Dr. Iryani. Prince Fahd was accompanied by Prince Sultan and the Saudi Arabian Ambassador in Sanaa, Tihad Al Harithi. Earlier on, Prince Sultan held a meeting with Dr. Iryani which was attended by the Yemeni ministers of foreign affairs, education, information, electricity and water in addition to other senior aides.

Iryani said on arrival that was carrying a message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen to King Khaled dealing with the "excellent bilateral relations linking the two countries; efforts to re-establish Arab solidarity and strengthening the region against danger."

Talks with Saudi Arabian leaders will concentrate on bilateral and Arab questions and the latest Arab and international developments, he added.

Dr. Iryani said the discussions would also cover "deepening mutual understanding of implications of the latest developments and mobilizing efforts for use in the higher national interests." He added that Saudi-Yemeni relations were getting stronger and deeper day after day, "thus affirming the historic, close ties based on true brotherhood and firm principles linking the two countries."

## Syria tells Iran to stop at border

DAMASCUS, May 31 (Agencies) — Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Nasser Qaddour indicated Monday his government could drop its support for Iran in the Gulf war if it invaded Iraq.

In an interview with Reuters, Qaddour repeated the Syrian view that Iran has been defending its rights and repelling an aggressor. "Iran has been the object of an unjustifiable aggression and obviously has the right to repel this aggressor. We have supported Iran in its objective of repelling Iraq," he said.

But he said Tehran was aware that Damascus could not accept any invasion of Arab territory, "because if we agreed to abandon certain parts of Arab territories, we should also have to abandon Palestine. It's a question of principle." Iran, which has recently expelled Iraqi forces from most of the Iranian territory they seized 20 months ago, has said repeatedly it has no designs on Iraqi territory. But some Iranian leaders have not ruled out the possibility of their forces entering Iraq to defend their own border positions.

"We cannot foresee what will happen in the Gulf war, whether Iran will enter Iraqi territory or not," Qaddour said. "We have to wait and see what happens and then take the necessary decision." He said he believed that only the fall of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, long demanded by Iran, could end the war. "It's not a matter of conditions... we think that it's the only way," he said.

The minister cast doubt on reports that Israel has supplied Iran with arms, which led Iraq to call Sunday on Arab states to cease cooperation with Tehran. "We cannot believe that there is any cooperation, any exchange of arms between Iran and Israel," he said.

At the United Nations, a short Security Council consultative session on the Iraq-Iranian conflict Monday ended with a call for U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar to intensify his mediation efforts in the 20-month war.

The meeting, called by Jordan, closed without a new date fixed to continue the debate, as the delegates from the two warring countries would not be attending. Council sources said the Iranian delegation had informed Council Chairman Ling Qing of China that Iranian representatives were attending the ministerial meeting of the nonaligned countries in Havana, while the Iraqis said they had not received instructions about Monday's meeting.

## Iraq agrees to withdraw forces GCC calls on Iran to accept peace

RIYADH, May 31 (SPA) — The foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council called on Iran Monday to respond to efforts being made to put an end to its war with Iraq specially that the latter has expressed willingness to withdraw to the international borders.

At an extraordinary meeting here the GCC ministers decided to support the efforts of the Organization of Islamic Conference, the nonaligned states and the U.N. to terminate this war and bring about security and stability to the region.

The meeting brought together the ministers of the Kingdom, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

The final communique of the two-day session said the ministers reviewed results of contacts made by the Kingdom and Kuwait with Syria and Algeria and the affirmation of Iraq to withdraw its forces to the international borders. This would increase the opportunities for a solution through Iraqi-Iranian negotiations while ensuring the legitimate rights of both parties, it said.

The council decided to redouble efforts and goodwill attempts to end the war and stop the hemorrhage which has exhausted the two Muslim states and save their resources for national reconstruction.

It said that a united Arab stand is a fundamental factor in putting an end to the bloodshed. "With this in mind the council hopes that the Islamic Republic of Iran will respond favorably to achieve this goal in these circumstances which are full of challenges. In this historic turning point, the Muslim nation is being subjected to a savage Zionist attack aiming at the whole Islamic structure," the statement said.

It went on to say that the termination of the war is an important element for achieving security and stability in the region. "This is the responsibility of the states of the region and to avoid foreign interference it is essential to put an end to the war."

"To achieve this the council has decided to support the efforts of the Organization of Islamic Conference, the nonaligned states and the U.N.," the statement said.

The council greeted the efforts made by the Islamic goodwill mission which emerged from the last Islamic summit in Makkah.

## Khaled sends note to Jordan

RIYADH, May 31 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday sent a message to King Hussein of Jordan about the situation in the Arab world. It was delivered by Foreign Minister Prince Saud who said that his visit came in the context of ongoing mutual consultations specially in the light of the Iraq-Iran war in the Gulf.

King Khaled also received the visiting Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta, who delivered a message from King Hassan to the Saudi monarch. The meeting was attended by Crown Prince

## Italy makes mediation offer

ROME, May 31 (AP) — The Italian Foreign Ministry said Monday Italy is ready to mediate between Iran and Iraq to end the war. "The Italian government is prepared to promote any form of dialogue between Iran and Iraq in view of a negotiated solution to the conflict," the statement said. The statement was issued after a meeting between Foreign Minister M. Emilio Colombo and the ambassadors of two countries to Rome, in which Colombo noted that Italy had friendly ties with both nations.

Colombo recalled that the European Economic Community foreign ministers May 24 called for an end to the war through a "peaceful solution in accordance with the principles recognized by the international community."

Meanwhile, Egypt will support any initiative aimed at ending the war between Iran and Iraq, a close aide to President Hosni Mubarak said.

Usman El Baz, head of Mubarak's political staff, referred to possible initiatives by Arab states, the Organization of Islamic Conference, nonaligned movement, the United States, France and Jordan.

"Not only will we support such initiatives, but we will contribute to them in every way we can," he said in answer to journalists' questions after a meeting of the political leadership of the National Democratic Party, which holds the majority in government.

## Pope upholds married life

YORK, England, May 31 (Agencies) — Pope John Paul II, on the fourth day of his historic British visit, restated Monday the sanctity of marriage, family life and child-bearing and urged married couples at a huge open-air prayer meeting here to make their love "the rock that stands firm in the face of every storm and temptation."

He invited married couples in his audience to "renew the promises you first made on your wedding day." He warned of the "cultural onslaught against the family by those who attack married life as 'irrelevant' and 'outdated.'"

The poor turnout for Pope John Paul II's visit to Manchester was the first disappointment for the organizers of his British tour, the first ever by a pope to Britain.

As he landed at Manchester Airport Monday on the fourth day of his six-day visit, only 250,000 persons were waiting at the city's Heaton Park, the biggest municipal park in Europe. City police and organizers of the visit had expected a crowd of close to a million on this bank holiday Monday, especially since the Manchester area contains Britain's largest Catholic community, a full one-fifth of Britain's estimated five million Roman Catholics.

But as John Paul II arrived by helicopter, those who had shown up made up for numbers with enthusiasm, waving Vatican banners and Polish flags.

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## Argentinians encircled Britain closing in on Stanley

LONDON, May 31 (Agencies) — British forces have fought their way to within 10 miles (16 kilometers) of the Falkland Islands capital, Port Stanley, where the main Argentine garrison is entrenched, a British reporter with the troops said Monday.

The latest fighting is around Mount Kent, a steep 1,500 foot (450 meters) hill overlooking the trail to the town from Teal Inlet, a remote settlement taken by British forces on Saturday, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said.

Reporting from the British bridgehead at Port San Carlos, 50 miles (80 kms) west of Port Stanley, BBC correspondent said, "The Argentine garrison is encircled by land and sea. The initiative is with the British."

The Defense Ministry said it had no comment on the report. But the ministry gave new figures for casualties sustained in the British assault on Darwin and Goose Green settlements over the weekend. It said 16 British soldiers had been killed and not 12 as earlier reported.

Their names are on a list of 49 British soldiers and sailors killed over the last week in Britain's battle to regain the Falklands, seized by Argentina on April 2.

The list included the men who died aboard the destroyer *Coventry* and the supply ship *Atlantic Conveyor*, lost after an Argentine missile and bomb attack last Tuesday.

The BBC and Independent Television News (ITN) also reported sporadic air

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## Also 164m barrels of gas

## Aramco output in 1981 reaches 3.5b barrels

DHAHRAN, May 31 — Production in 1981 of 3.5 billion barrels of crude oil and a record 164 million barrels of natural gas liquids (NGL) were announced Monday by the Arabian American Oil Company.

Aramco reported it encountered oil in two locations, discovered four new productive reservoirs of oil and extended two areas of deep natural gas, all in existing fields. Crude oil proved reserves were increased by more than three billion barrels and gas reserves by two trillion standard cubic feet (SCF). Aramco ended 1981 with an estimated 116.7 billion barrels of proved oil reserves, compared with about 113.5 billion barrels in 1980.

The company disclosed the figures in releasing its annual review of operations for 1981. Aramco is the world's leading company in crude oil and NGL production. Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest exporter of crude oil and NGL and has about one-quarter of the known reserves of crude oil. Other highlights in the Aramco report included the following:

Aramco's work force increased by 14 percent to more than 53,400, the majority of whom were Saudi Arabians. National employees held 42 percent of the company's supervisory positions. Aramco's 1981 crude oil production, averaging 9.6 million barrels per day, led the non-communist world. It represented about 23 percent of the free world's total and 62 percent of the total crude produced in the Middle East.

The record NGL production, which averaged 448,169 barrels daily in 1981, occurred in a year that saw about 98 percent completion of the religious rites for pilgrims.

## Pilgrims to get cards

JEDDAH, May 31 (SPA) — Pilgrims will be given identity cards as of the coming pilgrimage season, it was announced Saturday. The card will contain information about the pilgrim including name, nationality, name of the pilgrim's guardian (guides), address and telephone number. The Pilgrimage and Endowments Secretariat urged all mutawifin to note the new system to facilitate the performance of the religious rites for pilgrims.

tion of the multi-billion dollar master gas system. The 1.5-billion-SCFD Shadrum gas plant became fully operational, the similar-size Uthmaniyah gas plant was virtually completed and came partially on stream, the Yanbu fractionation plant and marine export terminal was 92 percent complete.

Long-range development commenced in 1981 at Tanajib, a major onshore and offshore oil and gas distribution center to be located 150 kilometers north of Ras Tanura. Required primarily as a crude oil production center, Tanajib also will collect significant amounts of gas derived from offshore oil production for processing in master gas system facilities.

Data processing operations commenced in late 1981 in the computer center of the Exploration and Petroleum Engineering Center (EXPEC), still under construction. One of the world's largest geoscience computer centers, it will process crucial seismic data used to pinpoint potential oil and gas-bearing structures.

Considerable progress was made toward achieving an independent status for the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO) in the Eastern Province as Aramco completed an initial five-year agreement to manage the firm, which has seen more than SR14 billion in power-generation and related facilities initiated in the province. Total SCECO generating capacity at the end of 1981 was more than 3,000 megawatts.

Aramco awarded SR14 billion in contracts, all of which were awarded to Saudi registered companies. The majority were wholly Saudi-owned. Purchase contracts totaling SR7.6 billion were issued, 70 percent of which were placed through Saudi vendors.



WATCHING: Makkah Governor Prince Majed (center) and Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi (left) being briefed before the mock rescue operation.

## Operation successful

## KAIA stages mock rescue

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 31 — A "Trans-Mideast Airlines" plane catches fire while landing because of power failure with 160 passengers and crew on board. This was the theme of a mock rescue operation carried out successfully at Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz International Airport Monday.

The operation, carried at KAIA's haj terminal, was witnessed by Makkah Governor Prince Majed, Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi and other high officials. The occasion marked the first anniversary of the airport.

The plane suddenly experiences loss of power in two engines while approaching the airport. The rescue operation revolves around an attempted emergency landing which cannot be achieved due to further power loss in the final approach. The plane lands short of the runway and veers to the right because of failure in nose and starboard landing gear.

The aircraft skids to an apron near the haj terminal with the fuselage broken open, causing a rupture of fuel tanks and a fire starts on the right wing. Of the total number of passengers, 40 are apparently uninjured, 20 fatally wounded and 100 sustain varying injuries.

The rescue operation starts after the traffic control tower notifies the airport's fire services locating the site of smoke. All passengers aboard the aircraft are rescued during the two-hour operation.

Participants included personnel from the airport director's office, operations, maintenance and utilities, fire services, security, medical, presidency of civil aviation, international airport projects, Saudi, foreign airlines, Royal Saudi Air Force, customs, traffic police, public security, Red Crescent, ministry of health and quarantine, civil defense, Coast Guard and the National Guard.

Zuhair Sindi, the airport's director said the mock rescue operation shows a test of readiness of the airport staff to cope with any emergency that might arise. "The first year of operation of the King Abdul Aziz International Airport has been an outstanding success." During the year, more than 6,800,000 passengers have used the airport and another 3,400,000 have come to greet or send off relatives and friends. The airport handled 65,000 scheduled flights, besides 8,900 charter flights which brought in and took back 1,250,000 pilgrims.

## Mansouri, Korean hold more talks

RIYADH, May 31 (SPA) — Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri and South Korean Construction Minister Chong-ho Kim held a second session of talks here Monday. The two ministers met Sunday to discuss an agreement under which Korea will provide experts in road construction and maintenance to Saudi Arabia.

Mansouri said after the meeting that the discussion covered technical cooperation between the two ministers in roads generally, and road maintenance in particular. Saudi Arabia has a full-fledged road network which needs a wide-ranging and effective program of maintenance to preserve it, he added.

The Communications Ministry is striving to overcome problems facing road construction and maintenance works. It seeks benefiting from technical expertise of all countries in maintenance works, Mansouri said.

He said that the issue of Korean companies' operating in the Kingdom also was discussed during the meeting. Talks dealt with the Korean companies involved in projects here to ensure that they execute the work up to the standards called for in their

contracts. Earlier in the day, the Korean minister met with Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail to discuss promoting cooperation. During his stay in Riyadh, Kim also held talks with Planning Minister Hisham Nazer and Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal.

The Korean minister began his visit to the Kingdom Wednesday and is expected to conclude it Tuesday. He visited the Jubail industrial area Monday and was to visit the communications ministry's installations in the Eastern Province before leaving for Abu Dhabi on a similar visit to the UAE.

## Nazer meets U.K. MP

RIYADH, May 31 (SPA) — Planning Minister Hisham Nazer received Monday David Michael, member of parliament and head of the British Liberal Party, who arrived here Sunday night on a few days' visit. They reviewed relations between their countries and means of promoting them. The British parliamentarian also will visit Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

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## At ports conference

## Maritime fraud, technicalities tackled

By Devadas Kini  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 31 — The Third Arab Ports Conference focused in its second day on the technical aspects of the movement of goods with a number of papers presented on the role of the forwarder, a view of the shipper, speeding up cargo procedures and information flow.

The keynote address on the integration of maritime transport policies was read by Sadek Ben Jomna, transport and communications minister of Tunisia. There was a

## Anqari leads team to labor parley

RIYADH, May 31 (SPA) — Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Al-Anqari left here Sunday for Geneva leading the Kingdom's delegation to attend an international labor conference scheduled to begin its session on Wednesday. The three-day conference is organized by the International Labor Organization (ILO).

Ahmad Al-Yahya, Arab Labor Organization (ALO) secretary general and Saudi social affairs undersecretary, said Sunday

paper on maritime fraud as well.

Describing the crucial role played by the forwarder in the movement of goods, Muhammad Ahmad Jamal, managing director of Contrex Transport Company of Saudi Arabia, advocated for a legislation to recognize the status of forwarders in the development of trade and industry in Arab countries.

Presenting the view of a large number of shippers, Capt. M.C. McGregor of BP International Ltd., stated that the biggest area of difficulty encountered in shipping to the Gulf region is the production of appropriate documentation to accompany the movement

of material. "This is the problem of the 80's as congestion and port inefficiency was of the 70's," he said.

Referring to the difficulty of matching up-to-date physical movement with an essentially out-of-date information system, John Raven, chief executive of the Simplification of International Trade procedures, said the last straw came with the advent of the container revolution which not only speeded up the movement of goods beyond the capacity of documents sent by post, but also depended for full efficiency on a displacement of many procedures which had always taken place at the ports, to more economic and logical situations, where the goods are loaded into or unloaded from the container.

He suggested the use of computers and the adoption of a standard format and layout arrangement for all main international trade documents evolved by a United Nations working group for simplification of procedures and speeding up information.

Eric Ellen, director of International Maritime Fraud Bureau, in his paper on the documentary frauds in the shipping industry has given a detailed account of the fraudulent means used by unscrupulous people.

## Farsi to open art exhibition

By Maher Abbas  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, May 31 — Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi will open an exhibition of paintings by Mahmoud Shili at the Taj Art Gallery here Wednesday.

The 10-day exhibition will consist of 24 paintings depicting the rural life in Tunisia. The paintings will review the famous Islamic architecture in Tunisia's Sidi Bou Said village, three kilometers from the city of Carthage at the Bay of Tunisia.

This is Shili's first exhibit ever in Saudi Arabia, though he has earlier held several exhibitions in France, Britain, the U.S., Sweden, Kuwait, Iraq, Algeria, Morocco and Egypt. Of more than 1,400 works that he has so far painted, three have been preserved in the Fine Arts Museum in France. The late Egyptian songstress, Umm Kulthum, had adorned her villa with one of his paintings captioned "Sahab Al-Khair" (Good Morning). It still hangs in her bedroom.

In an interview with Arab News, Shili said: "I crave to see Arab exhibition halls in Europe and America for showing original Arab art." He is at present preparing to organize an exhibition of Arab and Islamic arts in Los Angeles within the next few months. He said he will hold a special exhibition on Saudi Arabia next October.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH — A spokesman for Tongah Construction and Industrial Company said that it was his company which had won the Taif water, sewage and flood control contract signed by Prince Majed, Makkah governor, Sunday. The amount is \$186 million and not SR186 million as reported by Arab News quoting the Saudi Press Agency.

DAMMAM (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi chairs a ceremony Tuesday to mark the end of the fourth orientation session for people going abroad for studies. A total of 240 personnel from Aramco and the navy had participated in the course.

RIYADH (SPA) — President of Youth Welfare Prince Faisal ibn Fahd approved SR150,000 assistance to the Saudi Arabian students' club in Cairo and another SR100,000 for the Saudi students' fund in Britain. It was announced Sunday. The aid is part of the Youth Welfare Presidency's program to extend and reinforce its services to Saudi youth on scholarships abroad.

MAKKAH (SPA) — The Directorate General for the Holy Harams' Affairs has appointed 300 supervisors and guides in Makkah and Madinah to guide and assist visitors during the month of Ramadan.

The Zamzam water has been cooled, while arrangements have been made to place 3,000 iceboxes in Makkah's Holy Haram in the beginning of the fasting month and another 5,000 during the last 10 days of Ramadan.

JEDDAH (SPA) — Mayor of Jeddah Muhammad Saeed Farsi will meet with the King Abdul Aziz University students here Wednesday to hold an open dialogue on the present and future projects of this cosmopolitan city. The dialogue will be preceded by Farsi's lecture on the Islamic architecture.

DAMMAM (SPA) — The Eastern Province Social Affairs Directorate's development sub-committee will meet here Tuesday to discuss the achievements of Oatuf Social Development Center and its programs and projects allocated funds in the current budget. The meeting will be attended by education, social affairs, health, Qatif Municipality and center officials.

AHSA (SPA) — The Municipality of Ahsa is at present engaged in asphaltting the limited income group's locality north of Salehia. The work, which also includes paving and tree planting, is part of Ahsa's asphaltting and lighting projects for which a budget allocation of SR134 million has been made this year.

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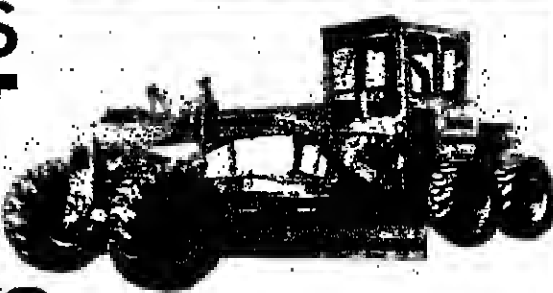
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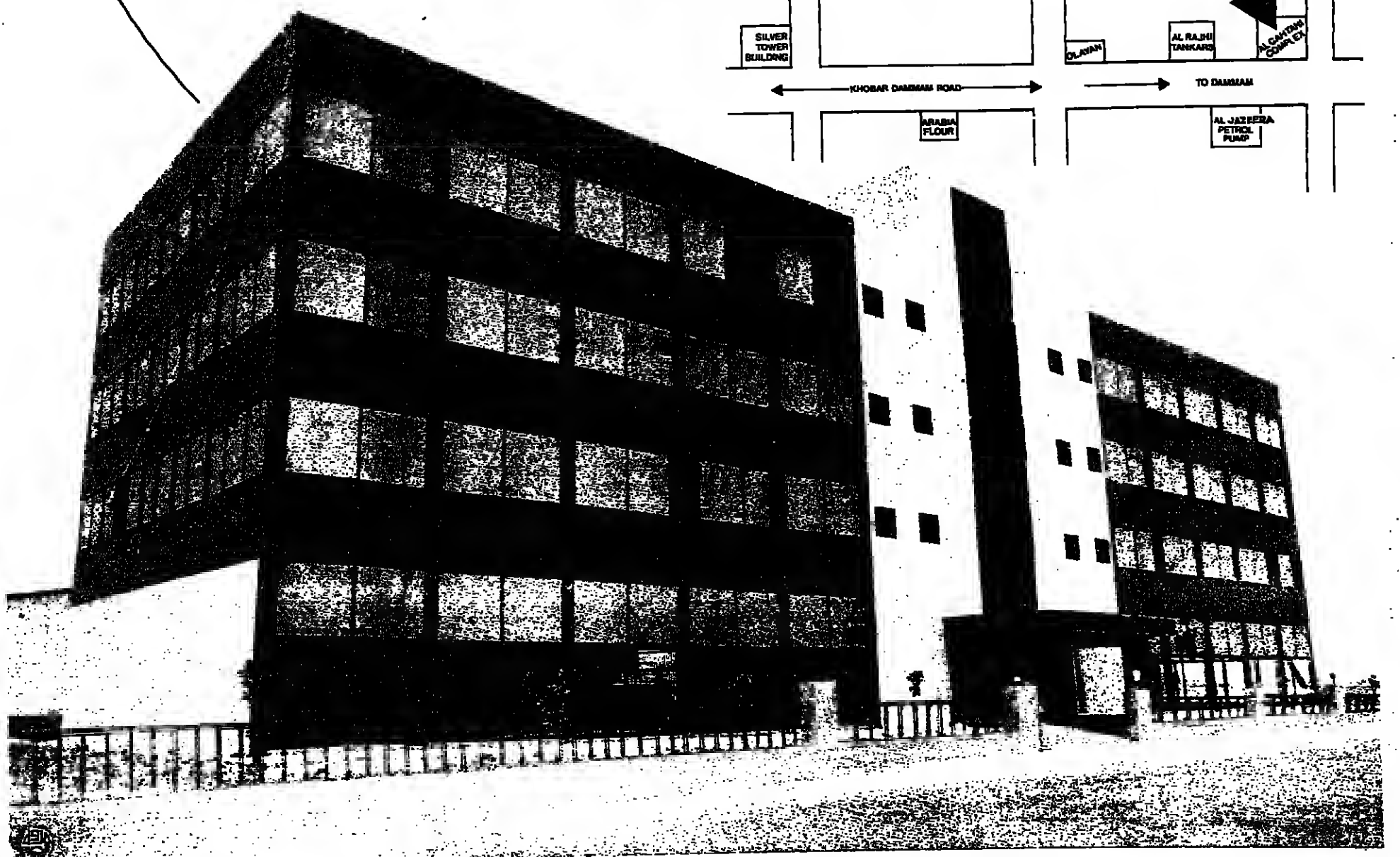
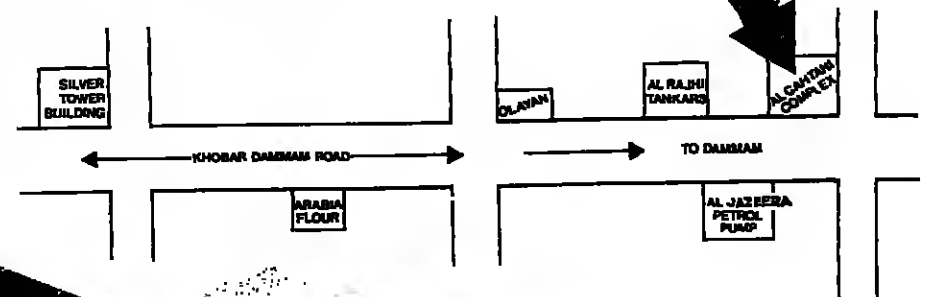


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## Street clashes leave five dead in Tehran

BEIRUT, May 31 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini's security guards have killed five members of opposition leftist guerrillas in street clashes in the Iranian capital Tehran, the state-owned radio has reported.

The five were members of the Mujahedeen Khalq underground leftist urban guerrilla group which has been blamed for bombings and killings against Khomeini's regime over the last 10 months. Tehran radio said the clashes occurred in the capital city of seven million "in the past few days". It said 18 other Mujahedeen members were arrested during the three separate clashes and also as a result of a raid on Mujahedeen hideouts in Tehran.

Documents, arms, hand-made explosives and ammunition were discovered at the hideouts, the radio added.

Among the documents, the radio claimed,

## Sharon hopes to block Jordan arms

TEL AVIV, May 31 (AFP) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who spent the past 10 days in the United States opposing U.S. arms sales to Arab states said on his return here Sunday that he was confident sophisticated weapons sales to Jordan could be blocked.

"Today the American administration understands perfectly that Israel cannot live under the permanent threat," Sharon said in an Israeli radio interview.

were maps of houses belonging to Khomeini loyalists, possible assassination targets. Also, there were plans to attack a march staged by Khomeini's revolutionary guards which took place last Thursday. There were no reports the marchers were attacked.

"Those arrested have been handed to the authorities to receive Islamic justice," the state-owned radio said in its evening news bulletin which was monitored here.

Meanwhile, Iran's parliament was expected Monday to ratify the nomination of two new ministers — Behzad Nahavi, named to the new post of minister of heavy industry, and Gholam Reza Aghazadeh, named to succeed Nabavi as minister of executive affairs. Aghazadeh has been in charge of financial affairs in the prime minister's office.

## BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (R) — The president of the European Economic Community (EEC) Council of Ministers Leo Tindemans said Monday that after meeting Israeli and Palestinian leaders he believed a solution to the conflict between them was "difficult but not impossible."

LAHORE, (AFP) — Politicians in Pakistan's Eastern Punjab state have been gradually resuming activities despite a martial law ban on political gatherings and the military regime's determination not to hold election in the foreseeable future, observers here reported.

## Mitterrand says Palestine state must be in West Bank

NEW YORK, May 31 (Agencies) — French President Francois Mitterrand suggested Sunday that a "future Palestinian state" could be situated in the West Bank.

Interviewed by the ABC television network, Mitterrand said that as a Frenchman, he was "not a representative of a country bordering on Israel", and that it was not up to him to decide where a future Palestinian state might be set up. However, he added, "we must not play hide and seek with history: the future Palestinian state is in the West Bank."

Stressing historical, social and demographic factors linking Palestinians to the region, Mitterrand said that Palestinians themselves could "find a way to create the

structures of government."

But he added that Israel, whose territory is recognized by the United Nations, must have "all guarantees" necessary to maintain its existence. The Israelis "have the right to exist, they must have the means to do so," he said.

The French president reminded viewers that "many" Arab states do not recognize Israel's existence, and called on Arabs to define what a reasonable solution to the Middle East problem should involve. With Israel receiving the guarantees, that country must in turn "understand that all peoples need a homeland," he said.

## Army curtains put up to halt Habre

NDJAMENA, May 31 (AP) — Government troops have taken up positions inside an area 70 kms to the north and east of here to prevent the forces of Chad's rebel leader Hissene Habre from reaching the capital, reliable sources said Monday.

Three "military curtains" have been deployed by Chad's council of state, which was created May 8, in a bid to stop Habre's Armed Forces of the North (FAN) from mak-

ing any move on N'djamena, the sources here said. The first is at a distance of 70 kms out from the capital and the second at 50 kms and the third at 30 kms, according to the sources.

The Organization of African Unity (OAU) has meanwhile promised to assure the security and possible evacuation of diplomats, officials of international organizations and other foreigners in N'djamena in the case of a battle for the capital.

## Polisario raps Morocco-U.S. pact

MADRID, May 31 (AFP) — Western Sahara's Polisario nationalist front denounced Sunday a military agreement between Morocco and the United States as "a serious threat to peace and security in Africa and the Near East."

A Polisario communique here said the accord, signed Thursday, "unmasked Washington's warlike intention of hacking

the Rabat regime in the continuation of its war of aggression against the Saharan people." The Polisario has been fighting Moroccan occupation of Western Sahara for the past several years.

Polisario said the pact was aimed at "intimidating the people of the region" and, from Morocco, "undertaking a destabilization of Arab, African and any other countries which refuse to obey American orders and who want to be aligned."

## Numeiri to visit Cairo

CAIRO, May 31 (AFP) — President Jaffar Numeiri of Sudan is to make a lightning visit to Cairo Tuesday for an "important" meeting with President Hosni Mubarak, the daily *Al-Akhar* reported Monday.

Their talks would center on "the development of the situation in the region and the responsibilities incumbent on Egypt and Sudan in the face of this development," the newspaper said.

## Qatar stops airport visas for Japanese businessmen

MANAMA, May 31 (AP) — Qatar's Doha airport authorities have stopped issuing 72-hour visas to Japanese travellers because "Red Army terrorist activities have upset the Qatari government," reliable Japanese sources said Monday.

Japanese businessmen based in Bahrain said they have been told that the ban airport visas to them was issued May 28 and was to last through June 28. "We have been told privately that the Red Army activities have upset the Qatari government," said one Japanese businessman, who refused to be identified. "But I don't know if the Red Army has done anything to disturb Qatar in a direct manner." No details were immediately available here.

One official in Doha, reached by telephone, disclaimed any knowledge about the ban, but he insisted that no Red Army activities have occurred in that Gulf state. The official, who refused to be quoted by

name, indicated that Interpol might have communicated information to Qatar about Red Army activities elsewhere in the world.

The reported Qatari move preceded a German magazine report that police feared Red Army operatives may be planning to attack U.S. President Ronald Reagan when he attends the NATO summit in Bonn June 10. Reports reaching here quoted the German newspaper *Welt Am Sonntag* as saying that security police last year found a Red Army faction strategy paper in a terrorist apartment citing NATO installations and Americans as prime targets.

The paper quoted the German security chief, Gerhard Boeden, as saying that "President Reagan is naturally the highest representative of such a system of attack. Therefore, we must be armed for everything." I believe the Qatari move is merely precautionary," said the Qatari official.

## For credit curbs on Moscow

## Summits to discuss Afghan issue

NEW YORK, May 31 (R) — President Reagan has said the limiting of credit to Moscow in protest against the Soviet presence in Afghanistan will be discussed with the Western allies at summit meetings in the next two weeks.

In an interview with *Time* magazine, Reagan said Afghanistan was "very obviously one of the things we are going to talk about" at the Versailles economic summit beginning Friday and the NATO summit in Bonn the following week. "It doesn't seem to make much sense that we should be sub-

siding their continued military buildup with low-interest credit," he said.

Asked what he would tell the allies when they reminded him he had resumed grain sales to the Soviet Union, Reagan said: "Yes, it is true we withdraw that sanction, imposed when they invaded Afghanistan, because it was having a worse effect on our own farmers than it was on the Soviet Union... Now, I still would use agriculture as a weapon but only as part of an overall sanction."

## In Pakistan

## Two media men kidnapped, released

ISLAMABAD, May 31 (AFP) — A U.S. photographer and a Danish journalist were kidnapped in Pakistan by members of a Pushtu tribe, held for a ransom of \$50,000 but finally released without any conditions after negotiations by the Pakistani government, an informed source here said.

Brian Thomas, 40, a free-lance photographer from New York, and journalist Troels Aagaard, 29, returning from reporting on Afghan rebels in Logar province, south of Kabul, were kidnapped in Pakistan's north Waziristan tribal region. A group of Waziris

attacked and overwhelmed their Afghan guides five kms from the border town of Miram Shah.

The Waziris held the American and Dane for five days and threatened to kill them unless a ransom of \$50,000 was paid. But the kidnappers progressively lowered their ransom demand and Pakistani officials in the tribal region finally obtained the free release of the photographer and journalist. Pakistan's tribal region runs along its border with Afghanistan.

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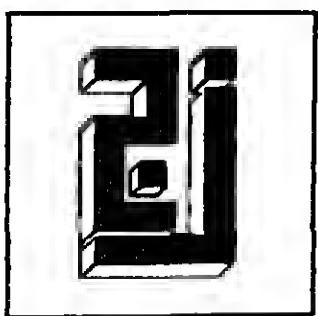
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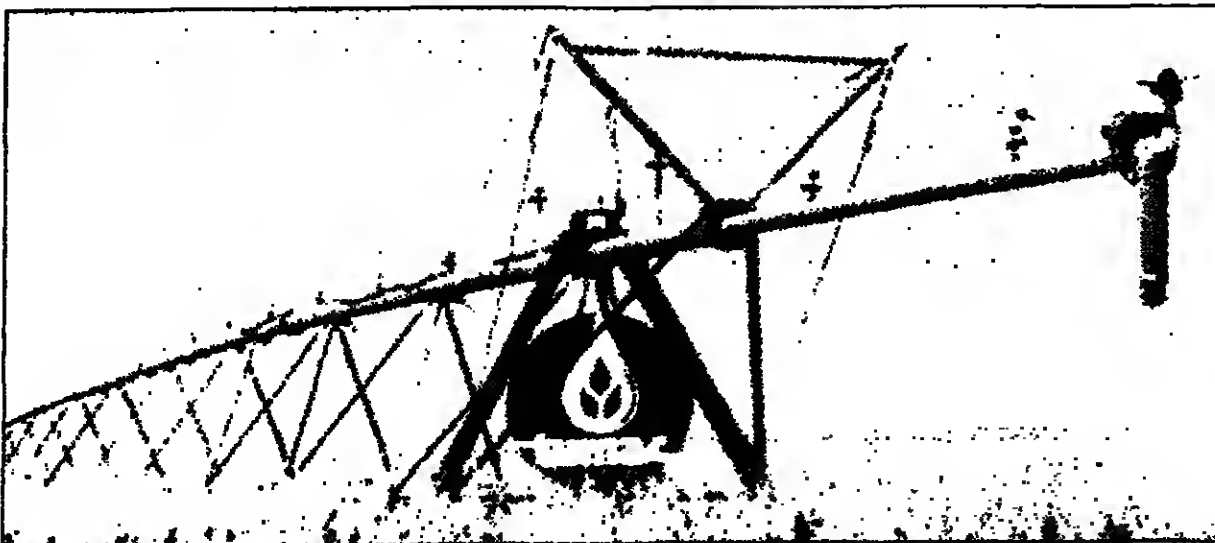


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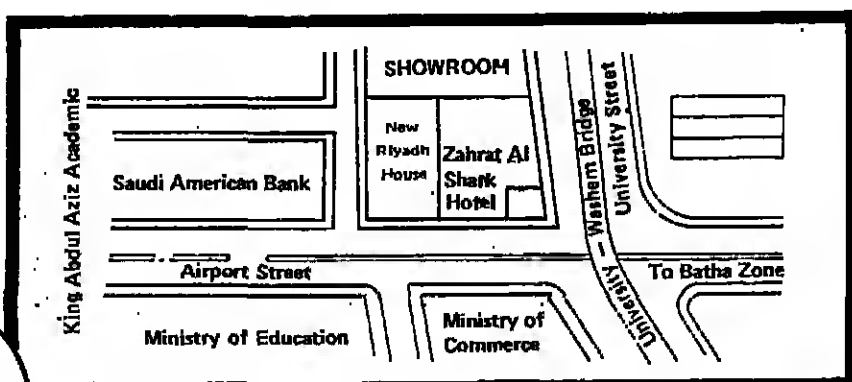
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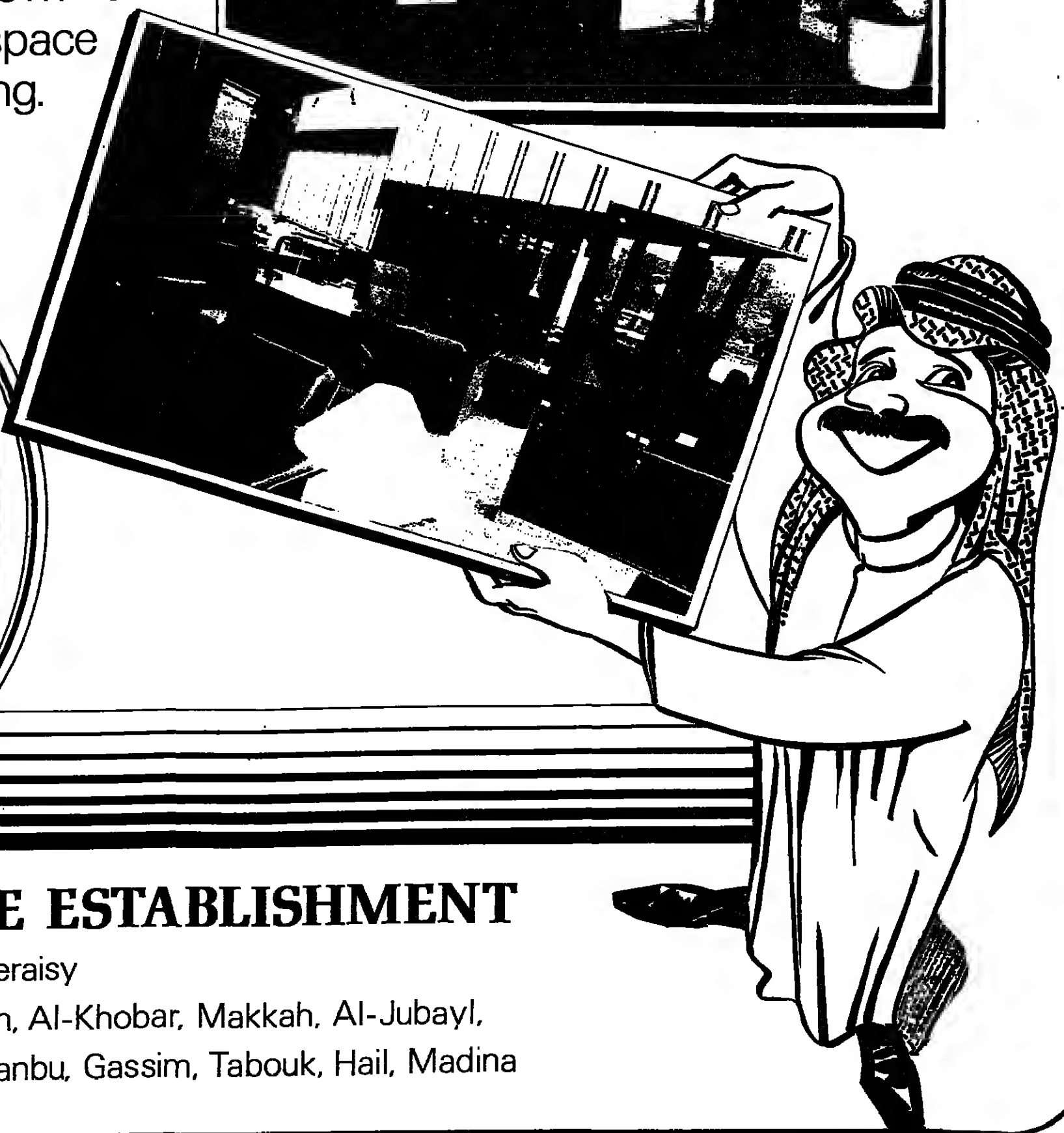
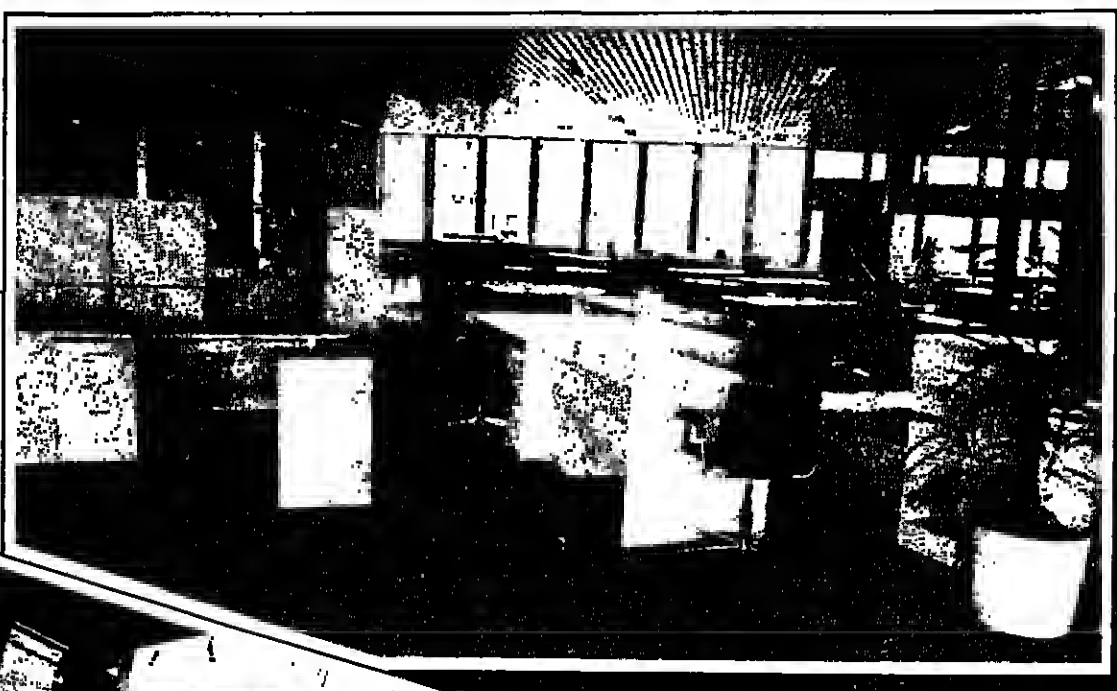
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## Communism losing prestige in China

By Jonathan Minsky

What is Mao Thought? What is the living soul of Mao Thought?

Far from being a walk-over for Chinese Communist Party intellectuals, questions such as these baffled 93 percent of the propaganda specialists in a recent test at the elite party school.

Most of the professional propagandists were graded "unsatisfactory" or worse, and 57 out of 100 disclosed they had never studied any party history.

These dismal results, reported to the party's ideological journal *Red Flag*, are another sign that the party can no longer ride on its reputation as the dynamo of revolution and the motor of social change.

During a recent local election campaign, one candidate in Peking leapt on a table and received an ovation for proclaiming his major qualification for office: for three generations not a single member of his family had been in the party.

Ideological deficiencies are far from new. A 1979 survey of senior officers in the Peking garrison discovered that 40 percent had received no intellectual training whatever and were unable to answer questions on the party line from their men.

In late 1980 the official *People's Daily* opened an article with a short dialogue. Question: "Do you believe in Marxism?" Youth: "No, I don't." The paper observed that after 30 years "some people are openly showing no interest in Marxism."

In the same year a national symposium discussed "the depression and anxiety" of many party members because capitalism, despite energetic predictions, had not collapsed in the 20th century.

It is no surprise, then, that at this spring's party school the students, some of them leading party officials, did so badly.

Although many were teachers of party philosophy, when confronted with "What are the basic questions of philosophy?" and "What is the ideological line of the party?" only one in five could answer "satisfactorily." Forty percent did "very poorly," including those who handed in blank scripts.

*Red Flag* maintains that study conditions for party teachers are the best ever, but it delicately notes that, owing to the Cultural Revolution, Marxism-Leninism and propaganda generally "enjoy less prestige."

Communism's dimming appeal is understandable. The Gang trial in 1980 convicted nine of China's top Communists, including Mao's wife, as murderers and torturers, and the party's own 1981 resolution pictured Mao himself as guilty of increasingly grave "errors" after the 1949 victory, culminating in the Cultural Revolution, judged by the party to be the greatest disaster in the 30-year history of the People's Republic. (ONS)



## 'Ascension Island solution' being mooted for Falklands

By Richard Gott

The problem of what to do with the Falkland Islands once they are recaptured will soon reach the top of the agenda. And one possible outcome — known as "the Ascension Island solution" — is already being canvassed. In the course of the past week it has been frequently referred to by the Argentines — who, of course, would deplore it. The British have been tight-lipped. For the possibility to be made concrete, however, depends entirely on the U.S. and their assessment of their future relationship with Latin America.

The notion is that Britain should retain sovereignty over the islands, the Islanders would remain British and continue to graze their flocks, and the Americans would build a large naval and air base. This is the present situation of Ascension Island (in the Atlantic) which is owned by Britain but effectively used and paid for by the United States for military purposes. At Ascension Island, unlike Diego Garcia (in the Indian Ocean), there is room for a few civilians as well. On Diego Garcia — another British island with an American base — the base takes up all the available space and the inhabitants have had to be shipped off.

An American base on the Falklands would serve the twin purpose of effectively deterring Argentina from launching another liberator attack (without

the British having to pay for it), and of satisfying the geopolitical ambitions of the United States in the South Atlantic.

Argentina would protest vigorously but, like other countries in Latin America that have learned to live with American military bases on their territory (Cuba and Panama), they would have to lump it.

Ever since the independence of Angola and the departure of the British from the Simontown base in South Africa — and, more recently, the increased movement of grain ships from Buenos Aires to the Soviet Union — the Americans have been worried about Soviet penetration in the South Atlantic. The possibility of Constructing a United States-dominated South Atlantic Treaty Organization (SATO) — involving (among others) Argentina, Brazil and South Africa — has frequently been discussed. And some groups in the Pentagon had high hopes, before Gen. Galtieri seized the Falklands, that Argentina would grant the United States the use of bases in Patagonia — Comodoro Rivadavia, Rio Gallegos, and Ushuaia. Quite apart from present considerations of Soviet intentions, the United States is also more concerned than most with the future of Antarctica when the present treaty runs out at the end of the decade.

So there is certainly a perceived need in Washing-

ton for a South Atlantic base. And there is no doubt that the possibility has been raised in Whitehall. British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym has indicated that Britain might ask other countries to help defend the islands, and Defense Secretary Nott has suggested that the islanders might think there was "some merit" in a "wider arrangement for their defense."

The crucial question is how the United States now views its future relationship with Argentina and with the rest of Latin America. Everything points to a major reappraisal. As one official in Washington was quoted as saying last week, the Falklands conflict is creating "a long-term, major shift in attitudes and policies throughout South America that inevitably will be harmful to United States interests."

In the post-Carter lull before the present crisis, the policy of the Reagan administration was to organize the countries of Latin America in a free enterprise, anti-Soviet crusade. The battleground was Central America. The principal ally was Argentina. That policy has now collapsed, and there must be grave doubt whether Argentina can ever be recovered for the West. Argentine official speeches are now full of the fierce rhetoric of the Third World — something that goes down well with the Peronist masses who need no reminding that Gen. Peron was

the first genuine leader of the Third World before the concept was invented. Argentina is unlikely to jump into the Soviet camp in spite of its close trading links — and Soviet Union would be appalled — but there is no chance of it returning to the economic and political model which allowed bankers in New York and London to be so deeply involved in its development. In the post-Malvinas era, Argentina will be forced into a policy of nationalist self-reliance.

So any level-headed American assessment of future relations with Argentina will conclude that they will be as cold as the Antarctic. In these circumstances, an American base on the Falklands would make little difference — it would merely underline what was happening already. The Americans would of course have to consider the adverse impact on Latin American opinion generally, but they might well conclude that there would be an initial storm which they could easily weather.

The British, of course, would be happy to be associated with such an enterprise. "We accept the importance of Antarctica and the Falklands," Nott told the House of Commons last week, "and of the great promise which that part of the world holds out." But the British have no desire to finance the defense of the islands forever. (G)

## GCC APPEAL TO IRAN

The Gulf Cooperation Council has appealed to Iran to respond to the ongoing peace efforts and agree to a ceasefire with Iraq specially that the latter has agreed to withdraw its troops to the international borders.

The appeal was made in a communique after two days of deliberations by the foreign ministers of the six-member states reflecting mounting concern about the adverse effects of the war on the stability and security of the whole region.

Little else was revealed by the communique except its stress on a unified Arab stand regarding the war but this is unlikely to come about. A number of important Arab countries, notably Syria, Algeria, and Libya have been openly supporting Iran and condemning Iraq for starting the war, forgetting the enormous provocations posed by Iran to Iraq before the war. The GCC countries as well as others have been supporting Iraq as an Arab country in distress specially after the turning of the tide in the war in the last one year.

A unified Arab stand, as much as it is desirable, is unlikely in the circumstances because Syria specially would like to see Iraq thoroughly routed and the regime toppled so that it may emerge as a strong contender for leading the Baath Party in the Arab world and, allied with Iran, as a force to be reckoned with. It makes a major miscalculation. The alternative regime in Iraq, if the present one is overthrown, may be something else altogether and not exactly to the liking of Damascus.

The communique has not referred to what is already being labeled as the Egyptian card. That is bringing in Egypt into the Arab fold once more to counter the emerging Syrian-Iranian alliance by strengthening Iraq and its Arab allies.

The GCC has been saying that the restoration of diplomatic ties with Cairo must come out of an Arab consensus.

The communique has not tried to conceal the deep sense of anxiety gripping the ministers or the governments by the continuation of the war and it would appear that with Iran on the offensive and flushed with military successes, this anxiety may be justified.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The need for Arab unity and the results of the French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson's visit to the Kingdom were the main topics for editorial comment in Monday's newspapers.

*Al-Madina* called on France to adopt a clear stand on Arab and Islamic causes and to move independently from the United States.

Commenting on the outcome of Cheysson's visit to the Kingdom, the paper said, "The Arab and Islamic states hope that France will initiate a clear-cut policy on the Middle East issue and assume a vital role in helping preserve world peace and security."

"Unless France and other industrialized countries adopt a decisive stand toward Israel's aggressive policies in the region, the gap will be too wide between their good intentions and real policies toward the Arab and Islamic countries," the paper added.

It stressed that the industrialized countries "cannot afford to ignore the Middle East problem, since the economic difficulties are not separate from the region's crisis."

*Al-Bilad* reaffirmed the need for Arab unity to confront what it called an explosive situation threatening the whole Arab region.

Commenting on the current Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) foreign ministers' conference, which began in Riyadh Sunday, the paper said, "It represents an essential step toward a unified Arab Gulf policy to face challenges in the region."

*Al-Yam* expressed hope that the GCC's ministers "will devise effective and practical measures to face the crucial situation in the region."

"Such measures should involve all Arabs not only the Gulf states," it added.

*Okaz* deplored the "Arab states' failure to adopt a unanimous stand to solve the Middle East problems as a result of differences and disunity."

"In the absence of any unified Arab stance, the U.S. and other European states have come out with their own initiatives on the Middle East problems, namely the 20-month old Iran-Iraq war, the Lebanese crisis and the Palestinian issue," the paper said.

It called on Arab states to resolve the problems, "in a spirit of sincere Arab solidarity."

The paper stressed the need for keeping the region "away from superpower conflicts" and urged the Arabs to pool their potentials to recover their legitimate rights. — (SPA)

## Terrorists making life miserable for diplomats in Beirut

By Kate Dorian

BEIRUT —

A wave of assassinations, rocket attacks and constant threats has paroled the foreign diplomatic corps in Lebanon to skeleton-size. "We are in the hands of terrorists," said one Western diplomat who survived at least one attempt on his life last year. "It is beyond the bounds of politics and there is nothing you can do about it. How can you deal with a hydra that has so many heads?"

The diplomat, who like others refused to be identified for fear of reprisals, referred to a series of apparently uncoordinated attacks against embassies and foreign diplomats here, which has forced the exodus of all but a dozen ambassadors. The most recent attack occurred last Monday at the French Embassy, where police said a bomb placed under the seat of an embassy secretary's car was detonated by remote control seconds after she drove into the compound. Police said 14 persons were killed in the blast, including the secretary.

Countries that still have full ambassadors at their embassies here include the United States, Britain, Canada, France, the Soviet Union, Turkey and Spain. But some have cut back their staffs.

Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan, in an interview with the English language Lebanese magazine

*Monday Morning*, said: "The conspirators in Lebanon are many. Their purposes and motives vary, but in the final analysis they all pour the coal of their activities into the Lebanese furnace whose fire has been raging since 1975." That was the year Lebanon's 18-month civil war began.

Almost all embassies have reported isolated incidents of violence against them without any clear pattern. Early in May, the British Foreign Office announced it was reducing embassy personnel in Beirut to the "staff necessary for essential functions only" and temporarily shut down its visa section.

Diplomatic sources said the decision was taken after an embassy employee was molested while driving home late at night in April and a consular employee, Muhammad Mokdad, was kidnapped, badly beaten and held for two days before being released. The motive behind the attacks was not determined but the British Embassy had received a number of telephoned threats, sources said.

Since the civil war, more than 30 diplomats have been killed, including the ambassadors of the United States, France and Iraq. As a result many diplomats have become extremely cautious. One Western diplomat said that for security reasons he refuses to allow his photographs to appear in the social pages of Lebanese magazines.

## Mrs. Gandhi still appeals to voters

By Tyler Marshall

NEW DELHI —

Recent assembly elections in four of India's 22 states have reaffirmed Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's personal appeal to voters but showed potential serious weaknesses within her Congress-I Party, according to political analysts studying the results. Unless rectified, those problems could cost her support in future electoral battles, analysts contend.

India's next general election is scheduled for 1985. In last month's voting, billed as the most important test of Gandhi's popularity since her triumphant return to power in January 1980, her Congress-I won in two of the four states. Through controversial maneuvering, it appears to have achieved control in a third despite being outpolled by a two-party opposition alliance.

In an exercise reflecting a decline of public morality in India, her party's chief minister in disputed Haryana state is buying support among indepen-

dently elected candidates to build a working majority. One national newspaper reported last week that "purchasable" legislators were demanding up to \$160,000 each for their loyalties.

The two states won by Mrs. Gandhi's forces were Kerala on the southwestern coast, and mountainous Himachal Pradesh in the north, where Congress-I lost seats held in the outgoing legislature but managed to edge out the opposition by a few seats. In the fourth state, West Bengal, Marxist-Communist Party forces won easily and will remain in power in Calcutta.

Mrs. Gandhi campaigned heavily in all four states and her personal appearances are cited as the key to bolstering her party's fortunes. "She can derive satisfaction that her personal popularity is intact," one diplomat commented.

But the diplomat noted that serious organizational shortcomings within the Congress-I pose a dilemma for Gandhi, who may be forced to loosen her grip over its affairs in order to make it more

responsive. Gandhi has always retained total control over party affairs, ruling first through her younger son, Sanjay, then, after his death to two years ago, through her elder son Rajiv.

Mrs. Gandhi's appeal, coupled with Sanjay's ruthless, yet efficient, approach to party discipline, proved so effective in 1980 state elections that, as one observer noted, a lamppost could have won election on the party ticket.

Rajiv, who reluctantly abandoned his career as an airline pilot to fill the void left by Sanjay's death, appeared to lack effectiveness in his first test as an electoral strategist. The party's lone decisive victory came in Kerala, where Rajiv did not campaign. "Rajiv's first total immersion has shown he hasn't caught on," the diplomat said. "His performance was lackluster."

Those reviewing the election results argue that greater grass-roots autonomy is vital if Mrs. Gandhi's party is to respond effectively to changing moods within the world's largest electorate. (LAT)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 1st, the 152nd day of 1982. There are 213 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1664 — War breaks out between England and Holland in the colonies and at sea.

1671 — Turkey declares war on Poland.

1695 — Polish army scores impressive victory over the Tartars.

1857 — British Royal Navy destroys Chinese fleet in China Sea.

1944 — The siesta is abolished officially in Mexico.

1967 — U.S. aircraft carrier *Intrepid*, during tense situation between Egypt and Israel, passes through Suez Canal, shadowed by two Egyptian submarines.

1973 — Greece's Premier George Papadopoulos abolishes Greek monarchy.

1975 — Police in white-ruled African nation of Rhodesia kill 11 blacks in clash with rioters in Salisbury.

1980 — About 300 Cuban refugees riot at Fort Chaffee refugee relocation center in U.S. state of Arkansas, wounding at least 15 law enforcement officials.

1981 — Bangladesh government says it has put down rebellion by army officers in port city of Chittagong, where President Ziaur Rahman was killed two days earlier.

Thought for today:  
Do you remember what Queen Victoria said? "Failure — the possibility does not exist." — Margaret Thatcher.

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# Proposed votes for non-whites stir momentous public furor in S. Africa

By Terry A. Anderson

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — South Africa has embarked upon what promises to be a long, bitter but momentous public debate over proposals that the ruling white minority grant a share of political power to mixed-race and Asian-descent people.

The president's council, a 60-man study group that includes whites, coloreds (mixed-race) and Asians, recently released its report on constitutional reform. The report provoked reactions ranging from bitter rejection, as both too radical and too conservative, to hopeful endorsement of what may be the first important breach in apartheid. Apartheid, South Africa's policy of race segregation has been condemned by the world community.

The report is both radical and conservative. On the one hand are its two most controversial proposals — votes for the country's 2.7 million coloreds and 800,000 Asians — votes for the country's of the 70-year-old system of a ruling prime minister who is responsible to parliament, and replacing it with a strong executive president and an American-style legislature. The latter is combined with a complete restructuring of local and regional government to give municipalities more power.

On the other hand is the council's flat refusal to consider giving any voice in the central government to South Africa's 18-million black majority, or to repeal the Group Areas Act, the law which requires separation of the races in housing and nearly all other facets of society.

Immediate reaction to the report was predictable. The government reserved comment on the specifics pending further study and debate, both among the ruling National Party and with other groups according to Interior Minister Chris Heunis.

"The removal of white power or white participation is not contemplated or indicated (by the government)," Heunis said. "However, one of the first lessons which we learned from developments in southern Africa is that white monopoly of power has become untenable in Africa today."

Prime Minister P.W. Botha is known to favor both the executive president system and the inclusion of coloreds and Asians in the government.

While not specifically endorsing the report, Botha called on whites to support reform. "I must accept one thing," Botha told supporters in the small town of Springsbok. "The God I believe in is big enough to be the God of others as well."

"If we as Nationalists and Afrikaners were today in the position where we had no franchise in our own areas, not at municipal, provincial or parliamentary levels, would we

have been satisfied with that? After the Anglo-Boer war, we did not have these rights and we fought until we got self-government."

"Why do we deny to other young people the right to bring to themselves what is theirs without revolution," Botha said.

Black leaders, as well as many colored Asians and white liberals, have strongly condemned and rejected the council report because of its failure to include blacks.

"Stripped of all trappings, these proposals mean blacks are good enough for cheap labor and cannon fodder in defending the borders, while they are not good enough to have a voice," said BLU Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, chief minister of the KwaZulu homeland. The Zulus, who number more than 5 million, are the largest black tribal group in South Africa.

"This sounds like a sophisticated way to entrench the old system with minor changes," said Dr. Rashid Saloojee, an Indian who lives in Johannesburg. "The problem in South Africa is not coloreds and Indians but dispossession of blacks."

Edgar Maurice, an outspoken colored leader, added, "the proposals were completely unacceptable. The acid test is whether these proposals grant equality...full democratic rights without reference to race or color. It is fairly clear they certainly do not."

Botha's major problem, however, is likely to come from right-wing and ultra-conservatives who rejected the council report

along with any idea of sharing power with non-whites.

The issue had already brought the first major split in the National Party in decades. In January, 16 NP parliamentarians bolted to form their own Conservative Party because Botha had endorsed power-sharing.

Dr. Andries Orzkricht, head of the CP, joined leaders of more liberal parties is also rejecting the proposal for a strong executive president as a "distressing movement away from responsible and representative people's government and inclines in the direction of dictatorship."

The leader of the official opposition Progressive Federal Party, Dr. Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert, added:

"It is difficult to believe that any sane person would voluntarily abdicate the already inadequate constitutional situation for one in which an individual can exercise almost dictatorial powers."

The full report was discussed by the final plenary session of the president's council. Then it and any added comments by council members will be forwarded to the state president, who will send it on to parliament within two weeks. Heunis said no legislation will be introduced in this session of parliament, and at any rate, a further council report containing details on the legislative system will not be finished until next year.

## Refinement the key Giulini's magical Falstaff moves on

By Martin Bernheimer

LOS ANGELES, (LAT) — One by one, each member of the *Falstaff* cast came before the curtain of the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion here for a final solo bow. The applause was hearty, the crescendo carefully gauged as the parade began with the gentleman who mimed the minimal duties of the innkeeper and ended with Renato Bruson, who had undertaken the false paunch, proud stagger and baritone indulgence of the title role. Some appreciative zealous out front tossed bouquets to everyone.

Then came Carlo Maria Giulini. The house erupted in a roar. Everyone stood as if on cue. The flowers rained in new waves. The Los Angeles Philharmonic in the pit saluted its leader with the ultimate internal accolade, the raucous fanfare known as a "tush."

Gaunt, tired and obviously happy, the maestro bowed quickly, made gestures that suggested applause was a gift to be shared and retreated swiftly to the wings, conveying embarrassment and pleasure in equal parts. He is not the sort of artist who milks an ovation.

Thus ended the great *Falstaff* adventure. The same production will move on to Covent Garden in London at the end of June, and it will be revived at the Teatro Comunale in Florence a year from now. It will be recorded by Deutsche Grammophon, filmed by the BBC, telecast in England and eventu-

ally released internationally on commercial videocassettes.

Most witnesses have found Giulini's *Falstaff* a musical revelation. Here, for better or worse, was a production that bore the stamp of a rare, enlightened, unified interpretive concept. Here was a meticulously prepared performance that reflected three years of planning and five weeks of rehearsal. Nothing could be arbitrary, nothing sloppy, nothing jarring in style or tone.

Giulini, who took responsibility for everything, gave us a mellow, slow, poetic, reflective, transparent, somber, often magical *Falstaff*. There was no room here for buffoonery, for gimmickry, for vulgarity. Refinement was the unifying key, from the opening scuffle to the final fugue.

The handpicked international cast, most of which was approaching Verdi's valedictory challenge for the first time, performed as a fine-tuned ensemble of equals. The philharmonic performed with degrees of Polish, delicacy and suavity that one is likely to find equalled only in Vienna or Berlin or Salzburg on the best of nights.

One could argue that there is more spark in the score than Giulini cared to ignite. One could only marvel, however, at the consistency and poignance of the maestro's autumnal perspective.

One also could argue that a conductor of Giulini's stature and power deserved the counterforce of a comparably authoritative

staging team. In his operatic prime, Giulini enjoyed collaborations with the likes of Luchino Visconti, Franco Zeffirelli and Carl Ebert, not to mention the leading designers of the time. In Los Angeles, where the conductor was the undisputed boss, the director, Ronald Eyrre, and designers Hayden Griffin and Michael Stennett, turned out to be timid also-rans.

They gave us a pretty staging that respected the musical impulses at every turn, which is nice. They did not give us a staging that exerted imagination and fascination on its own, complementary terms, which would have been even nicer.

Much of this handsome, tasteful, cautious *Falstaff* looked like an old-fashioned, static concert in costume. The drama of Shakespeare, as filtered through the inspired Boito and buoyed by the wondrous music, was often reduced to an oratorio charade. In stressing the tragic subtext of the opera, moreover, Giulini permitted — or encouraged — his theatrical colleagues to stifle much of the inherent wit and charm.

The disparity between what transpired on the stage and in the pit seemed minor on opening night, when the musical splendors and the pathos of the last act dominated all impressions. At the last performance 2 1-2 weeks later, however, one admired the sound even more and the sight considerably less.

To underscore the international importance of this cooperative effort, and to commemorate Giulini's return to the opera stage after a 14-year self-imposed absence, the philharmonic invited the press from far and near to take appropriate notice.

The responses were, for the most part, ecstatic.

Donal Henahan wrote in the *New York Times* that "for one golden moment, at least, this opera-starved city has become the center of the opera universe." His far-reaching rave was expanded in a subsequent Sunday piece, though here he did admit that, "if anything, this was sometimes too elegant and gentle a *Falstaff*."

John Von Rhein of the *Chicago Tribune* made much of the fact that Giulini had never been persuaded to conduct opera in the windy city while the maestro was associated with the Chicago Symphony. Von Rhein concluded his unservedly admiring review with "congratulations to Los Angeles for bringing about an operatic coup Chicago could only dream about."

John Higgins of the *Times of London* offered lavish praise to all concerned, called the event "a personal triumph" for Giulini, and, in passing, observed that "it is several decades since international-level opera performances have been given here."

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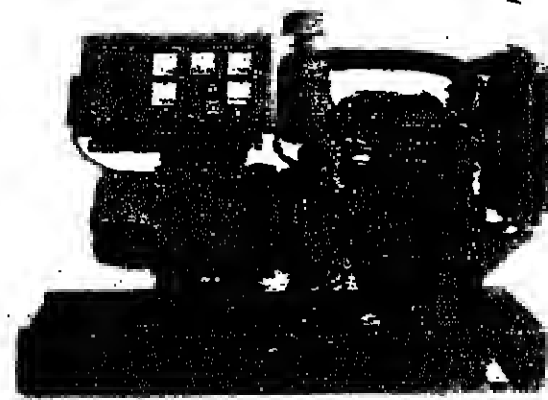
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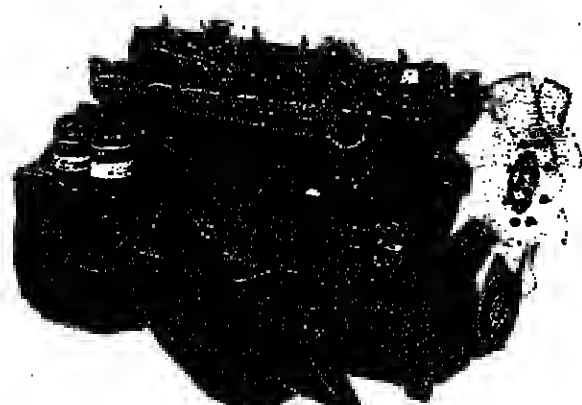
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## Regional network proposed Importance of Asian science capabilities stressed

By Paul Icamina

MANILA (Depthnews) — It was a long, ten-day meeting, and not without some hints of politics, but CASTASIA II ended with some concrete proposals to strengthen the science and technology capabilities of Asian and Pacific countries. CASTASIA stands for the Conference of Ministers Responsible for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and those Responsible for Economic Planning in Asia and the Pacific. The "II" means the conference is meeting for the second time, almost 14 years after CASTASIA first met in New Delhi in 1968.

"It was a great success, the results far beyond any hope before we came here," says Director General Amadou-Mahtar M'bow of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization.

But it had its quirks. For one, Kampuchea was represented not by Phnom Penh but by a guerrilla government which claims to control 40 percent of that country and fighting for another 40 percent of its territory (the rest is controlled by Phnom Penh). But it is recognized by the United Nations and thus a member of UNESCO. Its delegation promptly accused a "great power" — meaning the Soviet Union — of using science and technology to wage "microbiological and chemical warfare" from which "thousands have died."

For its sheer magnitude, CASTASIA is interesting enough, with member countries

all the way from Iran to the South Pacific, from Australia to Soviet Asia, representing three out of five of the world's peoples. Despite its complexity, the Philippines' Dr. Emil Javier, conference president, was "deeply impressed by the degree of tolerance, understanding and openness which have characterized our deliberations."

The conference proposed the creation of a regional network for the exchange of scientific and technological information and expertise based on national information systems. Access to relevant information will be made through the modern technology of computerized data transmission, traditional information and documentation services, and personal contacts. The network will be based on national information systems.

A regional coordinating body for training and research on science and technology policies and management was also proposed, including the possibility of a regional center.

The conference also felt it necessary to develop some ways of forecasting the demand and supply of scientific and technological manpower to offset mismatches. It recommended that national agencies for manpower planning be set up in each country.

There were also generous offers from both developed and developing countries. New Zealand announced it will immediately set up an information service for Southwest Pacific countries, and also invited other countries to share its expertise in animal husbandry, crop

research, control of pests and diseases, land development and forestry. Australia also offered the facilities of its new Center for International Agricultural Research established in March.

China said it is willing to host a regional center for research and training on science and technology policy and management. India offered help in the setting up of national information systems similar to its National Information Center. The Center is backed up by a huge computer and some 20 mini-computers which enable ministries and departments to exchange information. The Soviet Union said it is willing to host various seminars in the next two to three years.

While Japan and India both promised to increase their development assistance to other countries, the question of international financing remained elusive, with the conference calling for countries and financing institutions to "contribute generously."

"The cooperative spirit is willing but the international commitment is weak," said Rustam Lalkaka, deputy director of the U.N. Financing System for Science and Technology. The Vienna Conference on Science and Technology in 1979 called for a financing system with a target of \$250 million for a two-year interim period which ended last year. The funds actually made available were only about \$40 million — "a great disappointment to the developing world." While a pledging conference will meet in New York this April, the fund — which now supports 16

projects in Asia — is exhausted for the moment.

Today, there is virtually no direct funding of national research from foreign sources. In most countries, the main source of funds for research and development (R & D) comes from the government. Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka — and to a lesser extent Australia, India and the Philippines — are exceptions, with private industries contributing substantial support.

While CASTASIA I advocated that 1 percent of the national wealth (gross national product or GNP) be allocated to R&D, developing countries of the region today allocate between 0.2 and 0.4 percent, with a peak percentage of 0.6 percent in India and South Korea. The region's developing countries (excluding China, North Korea, Mongolia and Vietnam) allocated some \$1,900 million to research in 1978, including about \$600 million in India alone.

"Most countries expressed the need for a more efficient flow of scientific and technical information. And with good reason. While China, India, Pakistan, the Philippines and South Korea have achieved significant progress in information dissemination, such is relatively small-scale in other countries."

For instance, only the Soviet Union, India and Australia have scientific and technical periodicals comparable to that of industrialized countries, with sizable numbers produced in Japan, South Korea and Thailand. Others depend on developed countries as their main source of up-to-date information. The Soviet Union, Japan, India and Australia alone account for 94 percent of all publishing scientists in the region.

UNESCO's Dr. M'bow notes that while nations are increasingly dependent on one another, "they have not yet established an ethic of co-responsibility that would enable their common aspirations to prevail over certain national egoisms."

He notes that the dissemination of information is not as smooth as it should be, citing research results considered as military or industrial secrets to which the public has no access. "Even information of a public nature does not reach the countries needing it because they don't have access to it," he says.

While overall scientific and technical manpower resources have increased in the region, the need to balance the mismatch in supply and demand is very real. For instance, the ratio of researchers to population — on the average, 99 per million inhabitants in 1978 — remains extremely low in developing countries compared with, say, the Soviet Union (5,024 per one million) and Japan (3,548 per million). In several countries, the proportion of researchers assigned to the production sector is very small, most scientific researchers entering universities or other sectors.

## Tourists watch from rooms, nearby tigers roam free

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The tiger, once threatened with extinction here, is again prowling the Indian jungles in increasing numbers, but they now live in sanctuaries, protected from hunters.

The World Wildlife Fund and the Indian government-backed "Project Tiger", which was started in 1973 with only 268 tigers, now has an impressive tally of over 700 in its 11 reserves spread over 10 Indian states.

"It is a zoo in reverse," reads a sign in one of the reserves where tourists live in four-walled rooms and the tiger moves freely. "It is his kingdom," says another sign.

Hemendra Singh Panwar, chief executive of Project Tiger, said that over the years, 15,800 square kms of forest areas had been included in the project. The core area would be around 4,960 square kms.

"Each of the tiger reserves has a core which is completely free from all human disturbances, except for a limited number of tourists...the core areas are surrounded by buffer zones where, besides protection, efforts to develop wildlife habitat are also made", he said.

Project Tiger is steered by a high-level committee headed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, herself a keen wildlife enthusiast.

Encouraged by their success, Project Tiger officials are working on an ambitious plan that would add three or four more reserves by 1985. A planned allocation of about \$11 million has been made for 1981-85. World Wildlife Fund assistance, which totaled over \$750,000 until late last year, is expected to be raised, fund sources said.

The existing projects are in Manas in north-eastern Assam state, Palamu in eastern Bihar, Simlipal in the east and coastal Orissa, Kanha in central Madhya Pradesh, Corbett in central Uttar Pradesh,

Bandipur in southern Karnataka, Melghat in western Maharashtra, Ranthambhor and Sariska in the western desert state of Rajasthan, Periyar in southern Kerala and the Sunderbans in east coastal west Bengal state.

The Sunderbans is the largest reserve with a land area of 2,588 square kms and has helped in checking the menace of the man-eaters. Honey collectors there had traditionally been their victims but since the project started, the death rate has declined substantially although the tiger population has risen.

Project Tiger has been effective in controlling poaching, protecting habitat from fire, developing water resources, eliminating human disturbances by stopping forestry operations, improving grazing areas, and re-locating villages and habitat development. All this has led to a tremendous improvement in habitat quality and a concurrent increase in the population of all species of wildlife, Panwar said.

The project has also led to wildlife research in India. According to census figures the overall tiger population rose from 1,827 to over 3,000 in 1979.

The Indian tiger, also to be found in Nepal, Bangladesh and Bhutan, belongs to the "panthera tigris tigris" breed.

Seven other types of tigers are found in the Soviet Union, Korea, Iran, China, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, Java, Sumatra, Bali and eastern Burma.

Many of the species are already extinct. E.P. Gee, a British ecologist who lived and died in India, estimated that at the turn of the century the tiger population in India, if protected, would reach 40,000.

But this figure seems highly unlikely as there is not enough natural food to sustain such a large number. A tiger eats at least 80 heads of chital (big deer) every year.

### ANOTHER WAY TO PREVENT HYPERTENSION

### STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: There's a history of high blood pressure in my husband's family. Therefore, I try to be protective because he's careless about taking care of himself.

For example, he smokes too much. I can't get him to quit overeating. I try to have a simple, nonfattening diet at home, but he makes up for it at lunch. As a result, he's too fat.

One more thing. He sprinkles salt on his food. Other than that, I have no complaints. It all adds up to doing so many things that may bring on a rise in his pressure; overeating, oversmoking, being too fat and using too much salt.

One more I forgot to mention: he always has a sweet tooth; always eating candy, using too much sugar. What can I do to save him from himself? — Mrs. G.

Dear Mrs. G: As you say, add it all up: smoking, getting fat, taking too much salt and too many sweets — the common ways of committing slow suicide.

You may be surprised that eating sweets is included as being bad for his blood pressure. Some recent studies in animals and humans have shown that consuming large amounts of sweets may raise pressure, as well as increase cholesterol and triglycerides.

We have known for a long time that salt in large quantities taken day after day may be a precursor of hypertension. Now we have the threat of taking too many sweets. People on a high sugar diet, who have a tendency to hypertension, have good reason to cut down.

By Peter J.

Steincrohn

M.D., F.A.C.P.

### MEDICALLETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I am 23 years old and have finally stopped my long battle with acne. Although it has never been severe, it has left some battle scars on my face. They are causing me much emotional distress when I am out in public.

Is there anything I can do to remove these scars? All are small and deep. A friend once told me to keep washing with strong soap. He said it would peel off the top skin layers and level out the underlying scars. What's your advice? — Mr. K.

Dear Mr. K.: Soaping won't help. Better visit a dermatologist. He will suggest whether you need chemical skin peeling or dermabrasion to remove the scars.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I weighed 95 when I married and now weigh 210. I'm miserable. I do need help but can't find it. I've tried diets, hypnosis, shots, etc. Nothing helps. Do you advise that I have the new stomach operation to lose weight? — Mrs. B.

Dear Mrs. B.: As you know, the decision must be that of your own doctor. But we doubt that at 210 pounds you are a good candidate for the new stomach surgery. Short cuts to weight-loss aren't always the satisfactory answer for obese patients who can't diet successfully.

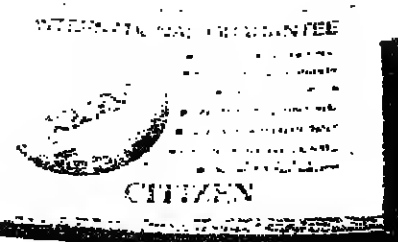
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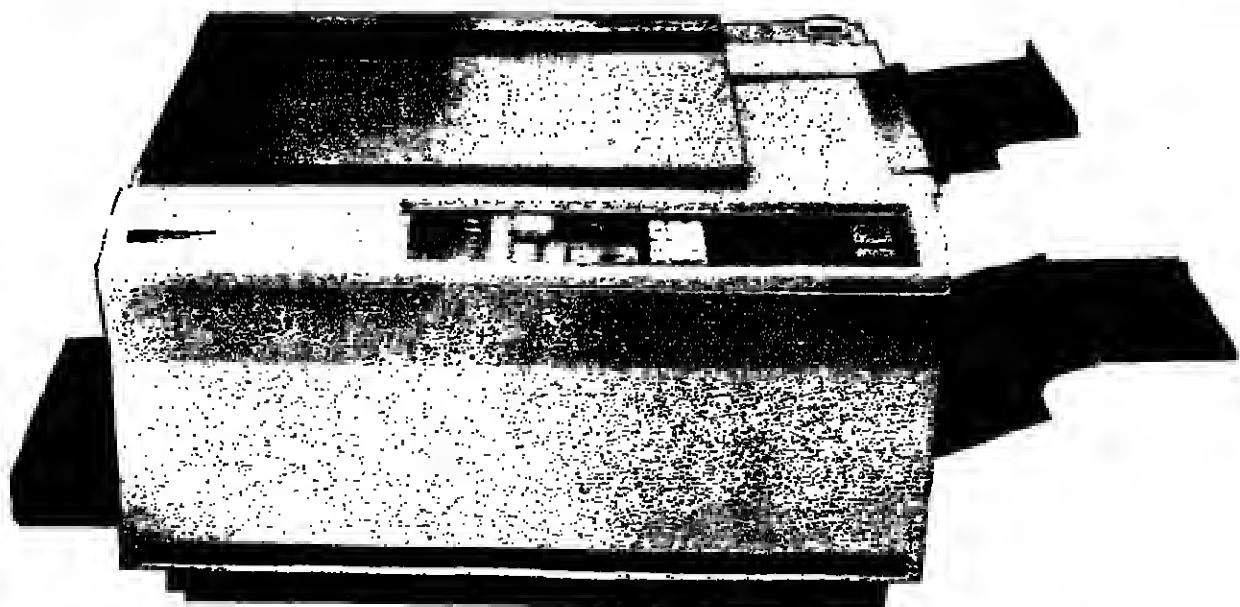
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Planner outlines strategy

U.S. to debunk Soviet war idea

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP) — A major goal of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's defense strategy is convincing the Soviet Union it cannot win a nuclear war with the United States, the Defense Department's top policy planner says.

U.S. leaders are trying to "disabuse" their Soviet counterparts of any such war-winning ideas by building a missile and bomber force that would be assured of surviving an attempted Soviet knock-out blow and then retaliate even at heavily protected Soviet targets.

The U.S. strategy was outlined in an interview Sunday with Dr. Fred C. Ikle, undersecretary of defense for policy. Ikle said the ability to successfully counterattack has been a major part of the Reagan administration's nuclear weapons policy since the president took office more than a year ago.

The policy was restated recently in secret new strategic guidance given to the armed services as they prepare the fiscal 1984 budget that goes to Congress next January.

Ikle stressed that the Reagan administration rejects the notion that a nuclear war is winnable but he said that Soviet military writings and preparation suggest the Soviets harbor such illusions.

"The sole idea of our program is to make nuclear deterrent more stable and to make clear to Soviet planners that they could not win a war even with a quick strike, he said. In order to reduce the chance of early use of nuclear weapons, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger says the United States is trying to build up conventional military forces to offset a Soviet advantage in those areas.

Weinberger also wants to strengthen conventional forces to implement another major goal of Reagan policy — enabling the United States to launch a conventional counteroffensive in other areas in the event the Soviets attack Western Europe.

The strategy would force Soviet military planners to take into account possible counterthreats to their flanks elsewhere, making them pause before launching an offensive against Western Europe.

Some analysts are concerned that a confrontation in Europe could escalate from limited-range nuclear weapons to the unleashing of strategic weapons and a global nuclear exchange between the United States

and the Soviet Union.

"None of our planning is in any way aimed at winning a nuclear war. If it were, we would be spending about 10 times as much on nuclear war than we are now," Ikle said. Nuclear weapons account for about 15 percent of the U.S. military budget.

Ikle said that assuring that the U.S. strategic nuclear force would survive a massive surprise attack would move the United States away from what he described as a "dangerous hair-trigger situation." By that, he said he meant that a survivable force would relieve the president from having to make a swift decision whether to order American missiles and bombers to be launched.

The present vulnerability of the 1,052 U.S. inter-continental ballistic missiles to possible destruction in a surprise attack has prompted some military strategists to suggest the United States should have a "launch on warning" policy. Critics of such a policy say it would increase the risk of an all-out nuclear war through miscalculation.

Reagan administration said aiding apartheid

PERTH, Australia, May 31 (AP) — Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, who is barred from South Africa, accused the United States on Monday of aiding apartheid. He said here that the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan has made overtures of support to the South African government which had emboldened that country in aggression toward black Africa.

Huddleston, who is president of the International Anti-Apartheid Movement, said he was very pessimistic about South Africa. "One of the first things that happened after Reagan took office was a visit to Washington by top South African military and other personnel," he said.

"Reagan made pronouncements indicating that South Africa and the United States should get together in this great crusade against communism. Ever since then South African aggression against neighboring states has vastly increased."

Huddleston said U.S. President Jimmy Carter had told South Africa bluntly that its position was unacceptable. "My whole objective in the anti-apartheid movement is to try to convince people that should race conflict and ideological conflict coincide, it could easily lead to a global war," he said.

'Old boy' dies in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines, May 31 (AP) — A Filipino boy stricken with an incurable aging disease died Monday of a stroke at the age of 8 without taking the trip he dreamed of making to the United States to visit Disneyland.

Crispin Mitante died "like an old man" in the charity ward of the suburban Makao Medical Center five days after being admitted with paralysis of the left side of his body, Dr. Lyn Palma-Perez, a pediatrician at the hospital, said.

Crispin, son of a widow who sells vegetables in a market outside Manila, was one of 12 children in the world known to be afflicted with progeria, a premature aging disease. At 8 years old, he was only 2 feet 7 inches tall, weighed 13 pounds, and was bald with only a few teeth.

Progeria, is believed caused by a genetic disorder, and Crispin's mother, Violeta, said her daughter Antonia died at 13 looking like an old woman. But her three other children are all normal and are aged 13 to 17.

"I knew what happened to my Antonia," said Mrs. Mitante Sunday, pressing a wet towel to Crispin's forehead as he breathed through an oxygen mask. "That is why I have a feeling he will go the way she went."

Dr. Irene Igual, another pediatrician at the hospital, said the child developed a swelling in the brain and aged so fast that his body seemed like that of a man in his 60s.

Storm-triggered mudslide buries 3 Nicaragua villages

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 31 (AP) — Thousands of tons of rock and mud, loosened by tropical storm Aletia's heavy rains, tumbled down a mountainside burying three villages with about 300 persons in northern Nicaragua, a rescue official said.

The mudslide from Mount el Guallo on Friday buried the villages of El Tular, La Rueda and San Antonio. Josefa Hernandez Martinez, secretary of the Sandinista defense committees in Esteli, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

She said the villages have a total population of 300, but so far there are only 29 survivors, who trekked a day to reach the nearest telephone in the small village of San Juan de Limay. The report was confirmed by Nicaraguan journalists in Esteli, 93 miles north of the capital.

"It is known that people have been injured and it is feared there may be dead," Hernandez Martinez said. She said rescue teams sent out by the defense committees, a government civil defense organization, are having difficulty reaching the mountain because

of heavy flooding.

The area has been severely flooded and at least 23 communities are still isolated from 12 inches of rain daily dumped all last week by Aletia, which killed 287 persons in Nicaragua and neighboring Honduras, according to the Red Cross. Another 600 persons have been injured and 60,000 to 80,000 left homeless in the two countries.

El Guallo is located 18 miles north of Esteli city, capital of the province by the same name. Graciela Rappacioti, a Nicaraguan Red Cross spokeswoman in Managua, confirmed that a number of Red Cross teams have been sent out to the mountain "to investigate the situation and try to help" but have been unable to get through.

Nuevo Diario's Esteli correspondent Ismael Nahir interviewed one of the survivors in San Juan de Limay and quoted him as saying "the damage caused by the slide of rocks and mud down the mountain was terrible." Other news reports from Esteli said the army was being mobilized to help the rescue teams.

Anti-Viet Laos forces 'united'

PARIS, May 31 (AFP) — An alliance of the major anti-Vietnamese groups in Laos is now a reality in the field, according to the European representative of the Laotian Socialist Party, Outhit Pasakhom.

Pasakhom said here that the three components of the alliance were the neutralists, the Socialist-Communists and the monarchists. These forces, he said, were united on the basis of a 17-point program worked out by a

former official of the Laos government who fled to China six months ago, Professor Khamsekeo Sengthit.

With the assumed agreement of Peking, the professor, formerly in charge of public hygiene for the Communist Vientiane government, made public a political program moderate enough to rally support from the various tendencies.

Its main points are a call for union among all Laotians, inside and outside the country, abolition of discrimination against ethnic minorities, equality of men and women, religious freedom (Buddhism being considered the national religion) and nonalignment.

Peking's apparent decision to favor a neutralist Laos disengaged from Vietnamese overlordship follows a parallel Chinese option for a neutralist Cambodia, observers noted. That option recently led to a decision by the Khmer Rouge to proclaim their attachment to nonalignment.

The observers believe that China is trying to break up what it calls "the Vietnamese Indochinese confederation patronized by the Soviet Union" by working toward a neutralist Indochina made up of a new Laos and a new Cambodia.

BRIEFS

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, (AFP) — Rose Kennedy, mother of the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital here Sunday night for observation, a hospital spokesman said, without giving further details. Mrs. Kennedy is 91. Her children also include the late Sen. Robert Kennedy and Sen. Edward Kennedy.

PARIS, (AFP) — Zimbabwean Prime Minister Robert Mugabe left here for Athens at the end of a three-day official visit to France. Greece will be his sixth stop in a seven-state tour of Europe. Mugabe, whose delegation includes five ministers, has already visited Italy, Britain, West Germany and Belgium. Mugabe paid a tribute to

France for its changed attitude toward his country and southern Africa in General.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Heat waves sweeping over the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh for the past three days have claimed 15 lives so far, Press Trust of India reported. At Mahoba, the hottest place in the state where the temperature soared to 46 degrees Centigrade (114 Fahrenheit), over 100 villages were facing acute shortages of drinking water, the agency said.

NAIROBI (AFP) — Former Kenyan member of parliament George Anyona was arrested Sunday shortly after he telephoned the Nation newspaper to say he had a "very big" story, the daily reported Monday.

Bomb defused at U.S. airport

LOS ANGELES, May 31 (AP) — A bomb was defused Sunday next to a freight terminal at Los Angeles International Airport and the Federal Bureau of Investigation said it later arrested three Armenians on federal charges related to the bomb.

The arrests at the Air Canada terminal culminated a four-month investigation and the resident aliens apprehended had been monitored, said Edgar Best, the FBI special agent in charge here. Best said the arrests stemmed from an investigation into a series

of bombings since 1980 against foreign diplomatic and commercial enterprises.

He said the Armenian Secret Army for Liberation of Armenia, a terrorist organization based in Beirut, Lebanon, claimed responsibility for the bombings, but he said those arrested were not necessarily members of the group.

Best said FBI agents monitoring the group notified the Los Angeles police bomb squad immediately after the bomb was placed in front of glass doors at the terminal at "approximately 2:42 a.m. (0942 GMT)". He said the squad had only 15 minutes to defuse the device. The type of bomb found was not specified. Best identified those in custody as Hrach Koziboukian, 30, his wife, Stranouche, 21, and Varant Berkev Chirinian, 28.

They were booked for investigation of federal charges of attempting to damage a building with explosives, unlawful possession of a destructive device and conspiracy, he said. The charges carry prison terms of up to 20 years. Best said the three would be arraigned before a federal magistrate Tuesday.

Peace ship permitted

PARIS, May 31 (AFP) — A ship belonging to Greenpeace, the international ecological organization, has received Soviet permission to visit Leningrad, the organization announced here Monday.

Greenpeace said in a statement that the ship *Sirius* was sailing "in protest at nuclear tests and the radioactive pollution they cause." It left Helsinki Sunday and should arrive in Leningrad on Tuesday, it said. Twenty-eight persons from eight different countries were aboard, including 12 journalists, according to the statement.

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## At Versailles summit

## U.S. to press allies to limit Soviet credit

NEW YORK, May 31 (AP) — The United States has been discussing with its allies the possibility of limiting credit to the Soviet Union, U.S. President Ronald Reagan says in an interview in this week's *Time* magazine.

The move would be an effort to force the Soviet Union to curtail its military buildup, Reagan said. "We have been openly negotiating with our friends and allies with regard to limiting credit, and in the present Soviet economic situation, that should be very effective," Reagan told the news magazine. "It doesn't seem to make much sense that we should be subsidizing their continued military buildup with low-interest credit."

The president said the issue would be discussed at his upcoming meetings with Western leaders at Versailles, France, and Bonn, West Germany.

In response to a question about support of U.S. positions by its allies, Reagan said, "that is again one of the reasons for meeting, to talk about these things and to point out the long-term gains versus possible short-term hardships of our moving and working together."

## Bank of Japan spells out policy

TOKYO, May 31 (R) — Bank of Japan Governor Haruo Maekawa said the bank does not intend widening the differential between U.S. and Japanese interest rates and would prefer them to narrow.

He told reporters the central bank's recent intervention on the domestic short-term money market to protect the yen was aimed at making this clear, although he added it also means an adverse effect on domestic long-term bond rates.

He added it is extremely difficult to raise domestic interest rates as the real interest burden in Japan is relatively great and said while U.S. rates remain high capital outflows from Japan will continue.

The Bank of Japan has extremely little room for maneuver, he said, adding monetary policy is already overburdened. He said fiscal measures cannot be depended on to stimulate sagging domestic demand, and although any moves through monetary policy at present are also bound to have negative effects, any advantage must be taken where this is seen.

"We have made some headway in making them realize that high interest rates were not a part of our economic program, that they were as disastrous for us as they say they are to them," he said.

"I look forward to the opportunity once and for all to reveal to them that we are doing everything we can, particularly with what we have done with regard to inflation. No one can match that record."

The president said the Falkland Islands conflict should not greatly affect his European meetings. "I do not see why that should really be coloring these meetings all that much."

Reagan said the Soviet Union's economic situation "is very desperate today," and "obviously, their obsession with the military at the expense of their people's standard of living has not paid off for them, other than in having the greatest military building in world history."

## EEC, Hong Kong parley set

BRUSSELS, May 31 (AFP) — Textile negotiations between the European Economic Community (EEC) and Hong Kong, its biggest clothing and textile supplier, were expected to be difficult when they begin here Tuesday, a source close to the European Commission has said.

The talks will be some of the most tense in the series of discussions between the EEC and 28 textile suppliers to the Common Market, the source said Sunday.

Hong Kong's textiles and clothing exports doubled from 1975 to 1980 to reach \$1.6 billion. Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Macao are four strong exporting countries with which the EEC has decided to get tough.

The negotiating mandate the ten EEC countries gave the European Commission said imports from these four countries should be reduced by 10 percent.

But these four could benefit from compensations for what is known as passive finishing traffic. Imports to the Common Market on European textiles made into clothes before being re-exported to the Common Market are counted separately as passive finishing traffic.

## Andean Pact offers aid to Argentina

LIMA, May 31 (R) — The Andean Pact has offered Argentina financial help to offset economic sanctions imposed by the EEC over the Falkland Islands crisis, Andean pact-Argentina committee President Orlando Alcivar said.

The Andean Pact, which has solidly supported Argentina in the Falklands crisis, comprises Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

Alcivar said that financial facilities to Argentina would be granted through the Andean Promotion Corporation (CAF) and the Andean Reserve Fund (FAR). He gave no further details. The CAF grants import and export credits to Andean Pact members while the FAR aids members with balance of payments problems.

Latin American nations voted at the weekend in Washington to condemn Britain and support Argentina in the Falklands crisis but toned down their criticism of the U.S. for siding with the British.

Britain has asked for such compensations for Hong Kong to equal any reductions imposed. But the EEC has taken no formal position in this matter.

The ten EEC countries accepted a renewal of the multilateral arrangement with the stipulation that the overall amount of textile imports allowed bilateral agreements for low cost prices with each of 28 textile-supplying countries be favorable to the EEC.

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## Due to oil debts

## Global economy outlook grim

PHILADELPHIA, May 31 (AP) — The mounting debt for oil purchases in many nations, coupled with U.S. trade deficits, could lead to a collapse of the world economy in the coming decade, according to a study published here.

Such a collapse could result in restructuring the world's economy, with regional trading relationships springing up to replace the present global marketplace, according to the study in the spring issue of the *Wharton Magazine*.

"As oil import bills grow, international debt burdens grow and the financial system becomes more unstable," authors Richard Drobnick and Selwyn Enzer wrote in the magazine, which is published by the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, one of the nation's most respected business schools.

Developing countries owed an estimated \$530 billion in 1981, much of that for imported oil and most of it "unrepayable," according to the authors, who work for the 20 year forecast project at the University of Southern California's Center for Futures Research.

In addition the authors say, "the United States has contributed to the unstable state of international financial affairs by dramatically expanding the international money supply and running up a cumulative trade deficit in the 1970s of about \$140 billion. "This 'easy money' policy... promoted the international inflationary spiral and

permitted the debt buildup that at present threatens the viability of the international financial systems, the article says.

The authors contend that neither Arab countries nor the world's lending institutions can continuously advance large financial credits to oil importers.

"Such an untenable situation is likely to lead to cancellation or repudiation of debts, reduced sales of Arabian petroleum, or, possibly, military conflicts, the study says.

If financial instability leads to economic collapse, the authors say it could spell the end of global trading patterns and give rise to regional trade relationships between manufacturing countries and neighbors rich in oil or natural resources.

Natural trade partners would be the United States, Mexico and Canada-China and Japan-Western Europe and African or Arab states and the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and Arab countries, the study says.

The authors say major upheavals can be avoided if the United States ends deficit spending and high inflation and by an international agreement to reduce the oil debt.

"This cooperation will be very difficult to achieve because all the necessary remedies are known to harm important stakeholders in the near term," the authors say. "If, however, the major trading nations cannot cooperate successfully, the problems plaguing the international system will still be resolved, quite possibly by a cataclysmic breakdown of the existing system."

## South Korea takes steps to ease imports

SEOUL, May 31 (AP) — South Korea announced Monday that 167 products will be added to the government's automatic import approval list in a move to ease trade friction and 25 items removed from the list.

The additions, mostly items for which there is little demand, will be effective July 1.

The commerce and industry ministry said, however, that 25 other products — mostly petrochemical items and diesel engines — will be removed from the list to protect domestic industries. The ministry said the nation's import liberalization rate will rise from the present 74.7 percent to 76.6 percent.

The newly added items include nine-inch (22.9-centimeter) or smaller monochrome television sets and parts, leaf springs for automobiles, some yarns and fabrics of man-made fibers, metal chairs and furniture.

## Lagos oil output dips

LONDON, May 31 (R) — Nigerian crude oil output totaled over 28 million barrels in March, about 33 percent less than in February, Lagos radio said in a report monitored here.

Exports totaled over 23 million barrels, about 20 percent below the previous month, the radio said, quoting figures from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation.

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## Recession ebbing out

## U.S. recovery at hand—Regan

WASHINGTON, May 31 (R) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has said the United States would soon start to pull out of the recession and was on the verge of economic recovery.

"I don't say it's here yet but it's coming," he said in a television interview.

But Regan said it would be hard for President Reagan to convince an economic summit of the major industrial democracies in Versailles, near Paris, later this week that U.S. interest rates and deficits would fall, when Congress had failed to settle on a budget for the 1983 financial year.

He said the House of Representatives, which has rejected all seven budgets proposed for the financial year beginning on Oct. 1, had acted irresponsibly, and accused its leader, Democratic Thomas O'Neill, of ineptitude.

"It's going to be very difficult to convince the leaders of the other summit nations that the president of the United States and the United States itself does not have a budget

after five months that Congress has been in session," Regan said.

"The house is proving it simply cannot govern...the responsibility has to be on the leadership of the house for not getting a budget," he added.

Regan said the U.S. economy was "poised on the brink of recovery at this point." He noted that leading indicators were up for the first time in 11 months, retail sales for April had risen and car sales for the first 20 days in May were up.

He said the administration had not wanted the current recession and was not responsible for it. High interest rates were being caused by the view that the United States was going to have federal deficits and that Congress would not come to grips with the problem, he said.

"If they don't do something about it, we will then continue to be in the state where we have continuous high rates of interest because the money markets are not going to respond."

But he added: "There will be some type of recovery regardless." However, he said that if a \$180 billion deficit predicted by the congressional budget office materialized, any recovery would be very poor and very short.

Chemical bank of New York president, Walter Shipley said in Melbourne a sustained economic recovery is dependent on falling U.S. interest rates, but these look like remaining at relatively high levels.

Shipley was speaking at a press conference inaugurating a new merchant bank in Australia, Chemical All-States, in which Chemical Bank has a 50 percent interest.

Shipley said U.S. interest rates will probably "come off slightly" in the short term if there is a favorable agreement on the U.S. budget, but are likely to remain relatively high.

Shipley said there is a fear of a stalemate on the U.S. budget could push the country back into times of high federal deficits, which could lead to the Federal Reserve loosening the purse strings and fuelling inflation.

## Franc facing pressure on money markets

PARIS, May 31 (AFP) — The French franc will again be the reluctant prima donna on the foreign exchange markets Tuesday after the Whitsun weekend pause and the controversy between the Elysee and the American press about devaluation prospects said to have been mentioned by President Francois Mitterrand.

A few days ahead of the Western economic summit at Versailles, the French currency, which has been weak since March, could suffer renewed attacks. This explains the vigor of the "categorical denial" by the Elysee Palace and the prime minister's office when the American journalists' articles appeared.

These newsmen, who spoke with Mitterrand on Friday, affirm that he did not rule out devaluation or withdrawal from the European Monetary System (EMS) between now and the end of the year. Anything is possible, the president reportedly said.

Speaking Sunday night at Soultz, in the Saone et Loire department in central France, Mitterrand said a "misunderstanding" had arisen. The U.S. journalists who could be reached confirmed their version of the meeting.

Aside from this controversy, the franc continues weak. A few days ago France spent 4,500 million francs (\$800 million) in foreign currency to support its currency. Defending it is the government's number one concern, Pierre Mauroy said on Saturday.

## Greek banks staff strike continues

ATHENS, May 31 (R) — Greek banks remained closed Monday because of a strike by about 35,000 employees to back demands for pay increases, a spokesman for their federation said.

He said the executive committee of the federation prolonged for another two days a strike which began last Thursday.

The government said in a statement the strike had political motives, because the management of the banks had satisfied the employees' demands.

Governors of the banks said they were prepared to increase salaries by about 30 percent, but rises demanded by the employees' federation would represent 50 percent increase over 1981 earnings.

## Financial Roundup

## Riyal remains unchanged

By J.B. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 31 — The local markets were left without direction Monday as they were caught by holidays in both Europe and the U.S. on Monday. The European holiday also coincided with the American Memorial Day holidays and as such local dealers were left without any firm guidelines on prices after the weekend closures of the bourses. Dealing was reported to have been moderate Monday with few major transactions effected, especially in the long tenors.

Riyal deposit rates remained stable on the whole with little changes reported over Sunday levels. Once again, deposit rates showed a positive yield curve with the shorter tenors being bid and offered at slightly lower levels than the longer tenors. The differences, however, were not significant.

In the one-month period, the riyal deposit rates opened at 12 1/4 - 12 3/4 percent and later eased by 1/4 percent in thin trading. In the longer tenors, the one-year deposits were quoted at 12 3/4 - 13 1/4 percent levels which was 1/4 percent higher than Sunday levels, but dealers reported few transactions in this tenor.

The short-dated funds were more active with week-fixed quoted at 12 - 13 percent

unchanged over Sunday levels. "Overnight funds" were also more actively traded and reached 12 1/2 - 13 percent, but the volumes traded were reported to have been small.

In the exchange markets, spot riyal/dollar rates opened at 3.4300-10, but later rose to 3.4305-15 levels as some demand crept in by the close of the session.

While the European and American bourses were closed, the Hong Kong markets were open Monday and the prices quoted there reflected Friday New York closing levels. On the whole, American currency was quoted as firm on the Asian markets with the pound sterling just slightly up after the recent British advances in the Falklands. Sterling was quoted around 1.7890 from 1.7810 levels, but the other currencies were down against the dollar.

The mark was quoted at 2.3490 levels, while the Swiss franc traded at 1.9920. The French franc was also weak at 6.1200 levels while the Japanese yen fell back to 244.00 from 243.20 in New York on Friday. In the Asian money markets, Eurodollar deposit rates were also firm with the one-month dollar deposits quoted at 14 3/16 to 14 1/2 percent and the three-month tenor quoted at 14 5/16 to 14 7/16 percent.

## El Al said spying on rival airlines

TEL AVIV, May 31 (AP) — The Daily Haaretz newspaper has charged El Al, Israel's national airline, with using questionable practices to spy on its foreign competition and travel agents.

"The airline is carrying out operations and plans that will hurt those that do not serve El Al's interest and compete it," the newspaper charged in Monday morning editions.

An El Al spokesman said the company operates completely within legal limits.

Haaretz said the operation worked out of a "department of intercompany relations" and involved tapping phone calls and using private detectives to spy on foreign airlines, charters and travel agents.

Employees of the department were disguised as common passengers on other carriers, while other telephoned travel agents and posed leading questions, Haaretz said. El Al hoped to catch the airlines and agents breaking Israeli aviation rules, and then turn over the information to the civil aviation authority, the newspaper said.

El Al operated at a \$47.4 million deficit in fiscal year. An El Al spokesman dismissed the article as "nothing extraordinary."

## Brezhnev banks on food plan

MOSCOW, May 31 (AFP) — The local Soviets will play a key part in implementing the special food program adopted a week ago by the Communist Party central committee in plenary session, President Leonid Brezhnev said Monday.

In a report to the Supreme Soviet he carried by the government news agency Tass, Brezhnev said that the Soviets of working people's deputies, the political units in which all local authority is vested, would shoulder "a large part of the work" in putting the program into action.

The food program, first called for at a party congress 18 months ago, is aimed at improving production but mainly at rationalizing distribution and eliminating huge losses due to the current faulty supply network and to poor storage facilities.

Defining the target for the next ten years, Brezhnev said that under the program agriculture and the industries servicing it were inseparable. Backed up by allied industries and improved distribution, Soviet agriculture must ensure that all citizens can count on a regular, unfailing supply of quality goods, he said.

The president said that "large sums of

money and the strength of thousands of communities of workers, administrators and scientists" had been mobilized to make the program a success, but that the local Soviets would have a large role to play.

This will involve the daily supervision and guidance of the agro-industrial committees set up by central committee decree to manage every level of the program, Brezhnev said.

But he said that, for the moment, the Soviets' top priority would be to improve the performance of each kolhoz (collective farm) and sovkhoz (state farm) in order to boost agricultural production.

Two main targets of the food program are to step up meat production and grain yields. Turning to wastage — estimated at 20 percent of the harvest each year — Brezhnev said that the local Soviets must become a "firm barrier against all losses, wastage and deterioration."

The president concluded by stressing the importance of the social development of the vast Soviet countryside. "More than ever today, any gap between production growth and social development is inadmissible," he warned.

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## As Connors, Chris have it easy

## Higuera surprises Teltscher

PARIS, May 31 (AFP) — Top seed Jimmy Connors made sure he did not follow in the footsteps of Ivan Lendl and scored a crushing 6-1, 6-0, 6-4 victory over fellow-American Chip Hooper in just over one and a half hours at the French Open Tennis Championships here Monday.

Lendl, seeded two, failed to reach the quarterfinals Sunday when he was beaten by Sweden's Mats Wilander. For one hour Connors played faultlessly and kept his 23-year-old opponent under constant pressure. But his concentration lapsed temporarily in the third set and he allowed Hooper to come back to level at 4-4 after being 1-3 down.

Jose Higuera, of Spain, scored a surprise 6-4, 6-2, 6-0 victory over 23-year-old sixth seed Eliot Teltscher of the United States.

Another winner Monday was Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, who raced to an impressive 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Andreas Maurer of West Germany. The 29-year-old South American has yet to drop a set at the championships and has so far conceded only 16 games in four matches. "I feel very confident," Vilas said after outplaying the West German. "But Lendl's elimination is a warning to the rest of us."

Meanwhile, Peter McNamara of Australia needed just eight minutes on the center court of the Roland Garros Stadium to clinch a place in the quarterfinals.

The 26-year-old seventh seed from Melbourne, deadlocked Sunday night at 9-9 in the final set of his thrilling five-set duel with Andres Gomez of Ecuador, seeded ninth, immediately broke his opponent's service when the match resumed Monday morning and completed a 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, 3-6, 11-9 victory.

It came as no surprise to see McNamara being taken the distance by the talented South American left-hander, who at one stage last night held two match points, since all week he had been involved in marathons.

In his four matches to reach the last eight, his best-ever performance in the championship, McNamara has had to play 18 sets and 184 games — quite a feat for a player who arrived in the French capital saying he was feeling "tired and jaded."

"I guess I'm in with a chance of the title now I've got this far," said the likeable McNamara, adding: "There are guys playing better than me but there are also guys playing a lot worse." If McNamara beats the out-of-form Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina in his next match, he will play Swedish teenager Mats Wilander or Vilas Gerulaitis for a place in the final.

"Wilander is an excellent player. But it's one thing to play Lendl in the semifinal of a major tournament and another to play Wilander," said McNamara, who claimed he

hadn't worried about the outcome of his match against Gomez.

The match against Gomez was spectacular and entertaining, Gomez said after his defeat: "I think we put on a good show for the public. Peter and I go for our shots and have the kind of game they like. 'Of course it's important to me to win. But it is also important to entertain,' he said.

In the women's singles, No. 1 seed Chris Evert Lloyd swept into the semifinals after defeating Lucia Romanov of Romania 6-2, 6-4. She will play fellow-American Andrea Jaeger Friday for a place in the final. Evert Hoyd, looking to equal Australian Margaret Court's record of five championship victories, played impeccably against the Romanian.

Andrea Jaeger, gave herself an advance 17th birthday present by sweeping into the semifinals beating another Romanian Virginia Ruzici. The No. 4 seed, whose birthday is on Friday, won 6-1, 6-0 in a match which lasted just over one-and-a-quarter hours.

After breaking the east European players' service in the fourth game of the first set to go 3-1 clear, Jaeger never looked back. Ruzici, 27, was the losing finalist here two years ago.

In a Sunday night action, third-seeded Tracy Austin blasted Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa 6-2, 6-0 to make the quarterfinals.

## So near yet so far that's World Cup

MADRID, May 31 (AP) — With only two weeks to go before the inaugural game, the 1982 World Soccer Cup is just around the corner, but in many ways, it is still very far away.

Although Spanish television declared that the "World Cup started" with the arrival Saturday of World Cup champion Argentina in Alicante, there are still only small signs that this country is going to hold a soccer extravaganza.

With 24 teams participating, the soccer championship is the biggest ever. But Spain seems lacking of the feverish pre-World Cup atmosphere so prevalent in Argentina during the 1978 Cup.

Only two teams are currently training in Spain: Argentina and the Spanish national team. The rest of the countries participating in the tournament will be arriving in about a week and many believe this will be the time when World Cup fever takes hold.

Many Spaniards, who love soccer more than bullfights, are increasingly skeptical about the tournament, believing the average citizen is only going to get a small piece of the action. "I'd love to go, but where are the tickets?" asks Air Force pilot Santiago Martin.

Mundispana, the official World Cup reservation committee, has 50 percent of the reported two million World Cup tickets. Only 10 percent is going for sale to the public. The remaining tickets, which cost between \$10 and \$40, are divided between football federations and national football clubs.

"The only ones who will benefit from the

Mundispana hotels and souvenir sales," says Jose Martinez Ferri, who owns a newspaper stand in Madrid.

Hotel reservations will be at an all-time high during the championship, with some rates for a room going for about \$150 a night. The prices have prompted some teams participating to skirt Mundispana and arrange their own accommodations.

Meanwhile, the World Cup organizing committee finds itself with a 1.2 million dollar budget deficit, prompting suspicions of a financial disaster, and a cover-up. "There's no financial scandal in the organizing of the championship," said Miguel Barrios Fernandez, the financial minister of the World

Cup organizing committee, in an interview with the newspaper *El Pais*. "There is not one peseta that is not justified," he said.

Speculation of a scandal arose because Spanish vice premier Rodolfo Martin Villa started attending World Cup organizing meetings, making suspect government intervention.

"The committee, as an organization with high revenues and spending requires state intervention," Barrios Fernandez said. "It's impossible for someone to take the committee's money," he said, "the money is in the bank and many signatures are required for a withdrawal."

The cost of the World Cup is expected to exceed \$400 million.

## European soccer results

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Dynamo Berlin	1	Lok Leipzig	0
FC Magdeburg	2	Karl-Marx-Stadt	1
Dynamo Dresden	3	Hansa Rostock	0
Eintracht Cottbus	4	Frankfurt Oder	3
Wismut Aue	0	Rot-Weiss Erfurt	0
Sachsenring Zwickau	3	Buna Schkopau	4
Greece			
Panathinaikos	2	Apolon	0
Panionios	2	Iraklis	3
AEK	2	Kastoria	1
Ethnikos	0	Yanina	0
Rodos	0	Olympiakos	2
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Marek Stanke	1	Haskovo	0
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Jimmy Connors... marches triumphantly toward his first French Open title.

## Greenidge hits breezy century

SOUTHAMPTON, May 31 (AP) — Gordon Greenidge slugged a masterly 156 Monday as Hampshire declared its second innings against the Indian cricket tourists at 236 for two wickets.

The Indians were left with a victory target of 296 in less than four hours on the final day of their three-day match here Monday.

The West Indian Test star hit five sixes and 14 fours in compiling 150 by the lunch interval. His furious assault on the pedestrian Indian attack helped Hampshire to a second innings score of 225 for one at lunch, a lead of 284.

The Indians claimed only one wicket during the morning session that of John Rice, who was caught behind by Syed Kirmani off the bowling of Kapil Dev with the score at 53. Mark Nicholas joined Greenidge at the crease and was 50 not out at lunch.

Captain Sunil Gavaskar and spinner Dilip Doshi shared the Indian bowling after lunch and Doshi picked up the vital wicket of Greenidge. Having dominated a second-wicket stand of 181 in 40 overs with Nicholas, Greenidge was bowled for 156 as he went for another big hit. New batsman Trevor Jesty was twice dropped behind the wicket in an over from Doshi just before Hampshire declared at 236 for two.

On Sunday, Gundappa Vishwanath hit exactly 100 runs, but the Indian tourists failed to take full advantage of a docile pitch on the second day.

Chasing Hampshire's first innings total of 336 for six declared, the tourists accumulated only 277 for six declared after starting the day at 41 for one.

The gutsy Vishwanath's innings was ended by Nigel Cowley, who bowled him for exactly 100.

Madan Lal was not out 32 when the Indians declared in the hope of forcing a result Monday.

## Three uncapped stars in Bingham's squad

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, May 31 (AP) — Northern Ireland soccer manager Billy Bingham sprang a surprise Monday by including 17-year-old Manchester United striker Norman Whiteside in his 22-player squad for the World Cup finals.

Whiteside, who only made his first team debut for United a month ago, is one of three uncapped players in the squad that will face Yugoslavia, Spain and Honduras in the first phase of the World Cup, which begins on June 13. The two other players without international experience are Glentoran winger Johnny Jameson and Linfield goalkeeper George Dunlop.

Jameson replaces Middlesbrough's Terry Cochran, who Sunday failed a fitness test. Dunlop is cover for first choice goalkeeper Pat Jennings, who still is troubled by a groin injury. Dunlop and Jameson are two of four Irish League part-timers in the squad. The others are Jim Cleary of Glentoran and Felix Healy of Coleraine.

Bingham said of Whiteside: "He is a player of tremendous potential, the sort of talent that only emerges once in a generation. He deserves to come with us on merit."

The squad includes two North American

Soccer League players — full back Jimmy Nicholl of Toronto Blizzard and midfielder David McCreery of Tulsa Roughnecks. The players omitted include Queen's Park Rangers forward Ian Stewart and Southend striker Derek Spence.

## Bingham's 22

**GOALKEEPERS:** Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Jim Platt (Middlesbrough), George Dunlop (Linfield).  
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**MIDFIELDERS:** Martin O'Neill (Norwich, capt.), Sammy McIlroy (Stoke), Tom Finney (Cambridge), David McCreery (Tulsa), Tommy Cassidy (Burnley), Jim Cleary (Glentoran).  
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## Over boots issue

## Yugoslavia may revamp team

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, May 31 (AP) — The Yugoslav Soccer Federation has threatened to drop all the players from the World Cup squad who refuse to play in soccer boots provided by the firm with which the federation has signed a contract.

The Belgrade newspaper *Vecernje Novosti* said Monday the federation's warning came in a letter distributed to the World Cup squad which is training in Novi Sad, north of Belgrade.

The paper said that 18 Yugoslav players have already signed private contracts with a rival firm for boots to be used during World Cup finals which start in Spain June 13. The federation's move has angered the players since they are liable to pay heavy fines out of their own pockets if they don't respect their contracts.

## It's Maradona all the way

ALICANTE, Spain, May 31 (AP) — It rained again in Alicante and the Argentine national soccer team did not go Monday to the Villajoyosa Stadium to practice.

The team arrived Saturday morning in this Mediterranean sun spot, where it reportedly hardly ever rains. However, it hasn't been clear for three days. The team is staying at a luxury villa on a cliff overlooking the Mediterranean.

Their first practice on the field was Sunday afternoon, but star player Diego Maradona did not train because of a torn muscle in his right leg. Doctor Ruben Oliva helped Maradona do stretching exercises and hoped

The federation announced last week that it had signed a contract with a large, foreign-based sporting goods firm to provide the squad with jerseys, shorts and boots for the World Cup. If any Yugoslav player appears in soccer boots made by a different firm, the federation stands to pay out more than \$400,000 in penalties for breaking the contract, the paper said.

"The atmosphere in the squad has suddenly soured," the Belgrade paper *Politika* Ekspres reported.

The players, according to that paper, are complaining that the federation should have told them in advance not to conclude their own contracts. The players also contend that they were told they would be free to choose their own boots.

he would recover before the opening match against Belgium June 13.

Although the boyish-looking Maradona insists that "I am not a star," the mere mention of his name here brings sighs of recognition. Crowds hang around the villa where the team is staying, hoping to catch a glimpse of Maradona.

"I am Maradona's son," shouted one 10-year-old trying to get a reporter's attention. "I am his uncle," shouted another.

"We have a mission here. We know what we want and we intend to revalidate the 1978 (World Cup champion) title," Maradona said.

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# Valenzuela enables Dodgers maul Cubs

NEW YORK, May 31 (AP) — Fernando Valenzuela pitched his first shutout of the season with an eight-hitter and Pedro Guerrero and Steve Garvey hit home runs to pace the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 7-0 victory over the Chicago Cubs Sunday.

The Cubs had their best chance against Valenzuela, 7-4, in the first inning when they had men on first and third with one out. But Keith Moreland grounded into a double play to end the threat. Valenzuela struck out nine, his high for the season.

Los Angeles scored an unearned run in the first, when Steve Sax singled, took third on left fielder Steve Henderson's error and scored on Jorge Orta's grounder.

The Dodgers added a run in the fourth inning on Valenzuela's RBI single. Guerrero's homer in the fifth, off Ferguson Jenkins, 3-6, made it 3-0. The Dodgers added a run in the eighth on an RBI groundout by Ron

Cey and three in the ninth on a squeeze hunt by Mark Belanger and Garvey's two-run homer.

In other National League action, Mike Vail hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning, and Eddie Mauer added a two-run shot in the eighth to power Cincinnati past Montreal 7-3, ending the Expos' eight-game winning streak.

Dane Iorg capped a three-run, two-out rally in the 10th inning with a run-scoring single that gave St. Louis a 6-5 victory over San Diego. Gary Matthews' two-run double sparked a three-run first inning and started Steve Carlton and Philadelphia to a 6-2 victory over Atlanta.

George Foster homered at Shea Stadium for the first time since April 18, and Hubie Brooks spearheaded a 14-hit New York attack with four hits to lead the Mets past Houston 9-5.

Johnny Ray slammed his third home run of the season with one out in the bottom of the 13th inning to give Pittsburgh a 7-6 victory over San Francisco.

In the American League, Andre Thornton hit a three-run homer and Toby Harrah added a solo shot to support the nine-hit pitching of Len Barker and spark Cleveland to a 4-2 decision over Chicago.

Doc Medich scattered six hits and Billy Sample hit two home runs to lead the Texas Rangers to an 8-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals. Rookie Jim Gott and Roy Lee Jackson combined on a one-hitter and Damaso Garcia knocked in two runs, leading Toronto to a 6-0 victory over Baltimore.

New York's Willie Randolph singled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and Oscar Gamble followed with a run-scoring double, to lift the Yankees to an 8-6 victory over Minnesota.

Cecil Cooper capped a four-run rally with a two-run homer in the fifth inning to spark Milwaukee to a 7-3 victory over California. Alan Trammell broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run single in the fourth inning, sending Detroit to a 5-2 triumph over Oakland A's in the first game of a doubleheader.

## Tomori-Zapata bout

TOKYO, May 31 (AFP) — World Boxing Council (WBC) junior flyweight champion Tadashi Tomori of Japan will meet the top WBC contender Hilario Zapata of Panama in Panama City on July 17, the WBC announced in a cable received here by the Japan Boxing Commission Monday.

The title bout was originally scheduled for June 5 but postponed after Tomori suffered an injury during practice in preparation for the first defense of the title he wrested from Amado Ursua of Mexico on points in Tokyo on April 13. Tomori, 22, had been told by doctors that he would need a month's recuperation.



Ray Floyd...welcome return to form.

## 76ers catch up with Lakers

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, May 31 (AP) — Julius Erving scored 24 points Sunday as Philadelphia 76ers evened the National Basketball Association Championship series at 1-1 and snapped the record nine-game playoff winning streak of the Los Angeles Lakers with a 110-94 victory.

Games three and four of the best-of-seven final series will be Tuesday and Thursday in Los Angeles.

How they progressed  
Los Angeles 26 21 29 18 — 94  
Philadelphia 34 23 31 22 — 110

## Gower's splendid ton in vain

LONDON, May 31 (Agencies) — England middle-order batsman, David Gower, cracked a brilliant 115 for Leicestershire against Surrey in the John Player Cricket League Sunday.

But his efforts proved in vain as Leicestershire lost the 40-over tie by a run in an exciting match at the Oval, Surrey, batting first, hit up 214 for seven wickets, with D. Smith (57) and M. Lynch (49) bolstering the total. Gower led Leicestershire's chase, but Leicestershire could manage only 213 for eight in the allotted overs.

The other centurion Sunday was Clive Rice. His fine 117 enabled Nottinghamshire defeat Northamptonshire by 23 runs. Former England opener Geoff Cook (71) and Alan Lamb (45) led the Northants fight.

Brief scores  
At Gloucester: Gloucestershire 209 for 4 (A. Stovold 85, C. Broad 59) lost to Sussex 210 for 7 (G. Le Roux 43 n.o.)

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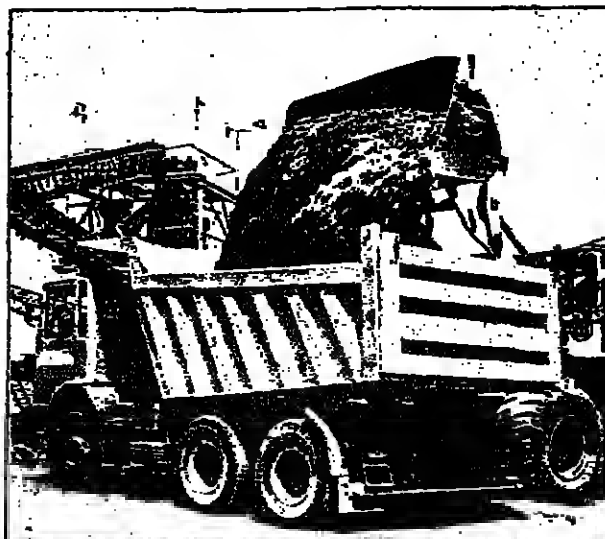
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## Ray Floyd beats Maltbie to the post

DUBLIN, Ohio, May 31 (AP) — Former Masters and PGA champion Ray Floyd posted his first victory of the year, shooting a 1-under-par 71 Sunday for a two-shot triumph in the Jack Nicklaus Memorial Golf Tournament.

The 39-year-old Floyd, running his career earnings to within 50,000 of the 2-million dollars plateau, finished with a 72-hole total of 281, one shot off David Graham's tournament record. He took the lead for good with a birdie on the 13th hole of the Muirfield Village layout and wound up two shots ahead of Roger Maltbie, Gil Morgan, Wayne Levi and Peter Jacobsen.

Maltbie and Morgan, tied for the third round lead Saturday, slipped to 2-over-par 74s and wound up with 283 totals. Levi solved the cloudy, windy conditions for a 70 while Jacobsen matched par 72 for the 7,116-yard course.

It was a wild scramble until Floyd took command with his 20-foot downhill putt for the go-ahead birdie. He followed with

another bird at 15 to build his two-shot cushion and parred the last three holes for the 16th victory of his two-decade career.

England-born Peter Oosterhuis, Floyd, Morgan, Simpson and Maltbie all tied or were tied for the lead at various stages of the first 93 holes. Maltbie, the 36-hole leader with a tournament record 134, took himself out of it with a double bogey six at the 10th hole.

Floyd's victory was worth \$63,000, moving his yearly bankroll past \$158,000 and his career total over \$1.95 million.

Meanwhile, Bernhard Langer of West Germany and Sam Torrance of Britain both shot 1-over-par 73s Sunday to continue to share the lead after the third round of the \$150,000 Sun Alliance PGA Golf Championships at Hillside. Both had a 54-hole total of 212, 2-under par.

Tony Jacklin of Britain, the former British and U.S. Open champion, was third after carding a 73 for 214. Gusting winds made conditions very difficult and only eight players broke par 72.

## Johncock nips Mears in exciting Indy finish

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31 (AP) — Gordon Johncock held off hard-charging Rick Mears by less than a car-length Sunday to win his second Indianapolis 500, the closest and most dramatic finish in 66 Indy races.

Johncock, who won here in 1973 in a race marred by a crash at the start, two days of rains and two deaths, came on to take the lead with 40 laps remaining in the 200-lap race over Indy's historic 2 1/2-mile (4 kms) speedway.

Mears, who set an Indianapolis qualifying record of 207.004 mph (333.132 kph) in pacing the fastest field ever, tried desperately to catch Johncock over the last 13 laps, erasing nearly all of a 12-second deficit.

Mears, the 1979 winner, put his Ford-powered Penske PC-10 right behind Johncock with just one lap to go and tried to pass Johncock's Wildcat-Cosworth going into the

first turn. But Johncock held him off by just .16-seconds to win his first race of any kind in three years.

Johncock average 162.29 mph (261.173 kph), just shy of the record set by the late Mark Donohue in 1972. "With 10 or 11 laps to go it was tough," Johncock said. "The car began pushing. When that happened earlier, I had to slow to 180. But then I got the handling back and I gave the car room to run."

This surely was a lot different than the other win in '73. That was in the rain in pit lane, when they decided not to run anymore. I'll never forget this one."

Pancho Carter finished a distant third, followed by Tom Sneva and three-time winner Al Unser. Another three-time winner,

Gordon Brand of Britain moved into contention with a course-record equalling 67 for 218, but the rest of the leaders all struggled to master the weather.

In the women's event, Sandra Spuzich made up a 2-shot deficit on the 18th hole with a birdie to force a playoff with Patty Sheehan and then parred the first extra hole to win the \$125,000 Corning Classic Sunday for her first LPGA victory in two years.

Sheehan, playing in the next to last threesome with Spuzich and a leader or co-leader through most of the final round, made a bogey-5 the 18th hole to fall into a tie with Spuzich at 8-under-par 280.

Amy Alcott and Sandra Haynie, who played in the final threesome on the par-72, 6,286-yard Corning Country Club course and finished one-stroke behind the leaders, both missed a chance to tie on the 72nd hole.

On the playoff hole, Spuzich was low and to the right of the green with her second shot, while Sheehan left herself about 30 feet from the flag with her second shot.

Johnny Rutherford, wound up eighth. The finish is unofficial until it is posted Monday morning.

Four-time winner A. J. Foyt, in his silver anniversary 25th appearance, set a record pace in the early going, but retired soon with a broken gearbox. The race also was marred by one fire incident and at least two instances of spilled fuel despite new safety rules for handling the volatile methanol.

Mears may have lost the race on his last pit stop. As he pulled onto pit road at the end of lap 183, Mears came upon slowing rookie Herm Johnson, bumping the back of Johnson's car. He continued, however, but lost a second or two before getting back up to speed.

## Baseball standings

American League				
Eastern Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GBB
Boston	29	17	.630	—
Detroit	28	17	.622	1/2
New York	24	20	.545	4
Cleveland	22	23	.489	6 1/2
Milwaukee	22	23	.489	6 1/2
Baltimore	22	24	.478	7
Toronto	20	26	.435	9
Western Division				
California	31	17	.646	—
Chicago	28	17	.628	1 1/2
Kansas City	24	21	.533	5 1/2
Seattle	24	26	.480	8
Oakland	23	26	.469	8 1/2
Texas	14	28	.333	14
Minnesota	12	38	.240	20
National League				
Eastern Division				
St. Louis	30	18	.625	—
New York	26	21	.553	3 1/2
Montreal	24	20	.545	4
Philadelphia	24	21	.533	4 1/2
Chicago	21	24	.468	9
Pittsburgh	18	26	.409	10
Western Division				
Atlanta	27	19	.587	—
San Diego	24	21	.533	3 1/2
Los Angeles	24	24	.500	4
Houston	21	27	.438	7
San Francisco	21	28	.429	7 1/2
Cincinnati	19	27	.413	8

## Fine all-round show by Shahbaz

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, May 31 — Splendid all-round performance by Shahbaz enabled Abahsain dethrone Labore for the 'A' Division Dhahran Floodlit Cricket (16 overs) Tournament at the UPM ground last weekend.

Abahsain making first use of the Astrofurf wicket totalling 145 for six in their 16 overs thanks to Shahbaz who scored a fine 69 which included two sixes and eleven fours. Ahmad too chipped in with a solid 33.

In reply Labore managed 112 for seven; once again Shahbaz stealing the show claiming two wickets for 23 runs in four overs. Ijaz grabbed three for 27 while Guhraiz took two for 29 runs. The two other teams that participated in this 'A' Division tournament were Gulf and UPM Green.

Young Friend wrestled the 'B' Division honors beating UPM Yellow. Saulex and

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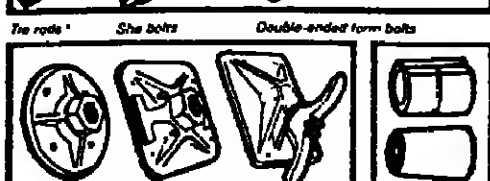
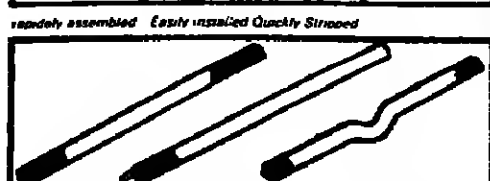
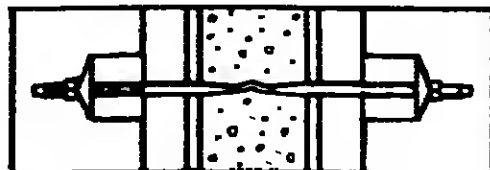
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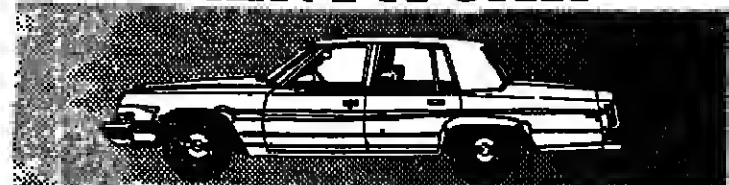








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## Amity with Soviets not now, Zhao says

TOKYO, May 31 (AFP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang predicted here Monday there would be no changes in China's relations with the Soviet Union, although he said that trade between them might increase to some extent.

The prediction was made when Zhao held his first round of talks with Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, shortly after he arrived in Tokyo from Peking on a six-day official visit to Japan, Japanese officials said.

The two premiers, who were scheduled to meet again Tuesday, devoted their two-hour-long talks to international problems including China's relations with the Soviet Union and the United States, the officials said. It is Zhao's first visit to Japan and marks the 10th anniversary of the restoration of diplomatic

relations between the two countries in September 1972.

The Chinese premier told Suzuki that China is worried about expansionist moves by the Soviet Union and it would be difficult now to improve Peking-Moscow relations, although he took note of a call from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev on March 24 for an improvement, according to the officials.

On China-U.S. relations, strained over the U.S. plan to sell military parts to Taipei, Zhao said there are still difficult problems left to be solved between the two countries.

Regardless of China-U.S. ties, China hopes to develop its friendly and cooperative relations with Japan, Zhao said. He added that China follows an independent foreign policy and firmly maintains its "open-door" measures.

At the opening of the talks, Suzuki praised the positive development in Sino-Japan relations and expressed the hope the relations would be tightened in the coming decade, the officials said.

On the Cambodian problem, Zhao said China supports the anti-Vietnamese three-party coalition which, he said, should be strong enough to fully counter Vietnam. He added that China hopes Cambodia to pursue nonaligned neutrality and self-reliance.

The Japanese premier said Japan is laying stress on security and peace on the Korean peninsula. Zhao replied that there was no threat of military invasion of the south by the Communist north, the officials said.

Accompanying the Chinese premier are Foreign Minister Huang Hua, minister in charge of the state economic commission Zhang Jingfu, and other top government officials.

## 'War weakening NATO defenses'

FUNCHAL, Madeira, May 31 (R) — NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns said all NATO countries remain firmly behind Britain in its battle with Argentina for the Falkland Islands, but that alliance defenses have been weakened by the conflict. "The countries of the alliance are unanimous in their support of Britain," Luns told Reuters in an interview.

He was not referring to Spain, which does not support Britain in the Falklands conflict and became the 16th member of NATO Sunday when it formally ratified the defense pact.

"It goes without saying that NATO's defenses have been weakened by British ships being moved to the South Atlantic but it is not a world crisis and can be overcome," said Luns, who is attending the spring session of the North Atlantic Assembly.

Parliamentarians attending the assembly here had earlier said they were worried by the gaps British forces left, particularly in Baltic defenses, and added that even after the conflict was resolved British ships could be out of action for a long period.

On the question of Turkey's military leadership, Luns said that although he regretted the lack of democracy, he was more concerned by Turkey's conflicts with Greece. "It is less the system that is worrying than the conflict with Greece," he said.

Luns said all countries in the alliance were trying to find a solution to the problem and added: "I think the situation between the two countries would be much worse if they were not both in NATO." He said it was encouraging that the military junta was preparing a constitution to restore democracy eventually to Turkey and added that before the military takeover the country was in civil and economic chaos. "This is not to say we support military rule," he said.

The assembly brings together parliamentarians from NATO countries to discuss the alliance's policies and problems.

## Speculation on Walesa dampened

WARSAW, May 31 (AP) — Poland's martial law government Monday moved to dampen speculation that Solidarity Union leader Lech Walesa will be released from internment soon and returned to the helm of Solidarity or another union.

A spokesman for the government's press office said the union chief would only be freed from internment "if the normalization process is going on normally," but gave no time element for such a move.

Deputy Premier Jerzy Ozdowski was quoted by the U.S.-based Cable News Network Sunday as saying Walesa would be released soon and could return to "normal life" in Gdansk where the Solidarity Union was formed during August 1980 strikes. A spokesman for Ozdowski told reporters the statement was taken out of context, but Ozdowski himself could not be reached for comment.

Walesa has been held since martial law began last Dec. 13 and was moved to a new, secret location May 11, according to several

## Betancur claims victory in Colombian elections

BOGOTA, May 31 (AFP) — Conservative candidate Belisario Betancur Cuatrecasas on Monday claimed victory in Sunday's presidential elections, and made an emotional vow to lift the martial law regulations that have been in existence here for 30 years.

Betancur, 59, speaking at his electoral headquarters in a central Bogota hotel, said there could be no doubt that he had won, since latest partial results showed that he had a margin of nearly 400,000 votes over his closest rival, Liberal Alfonso Lopez, Michelson, 69. Final results are yet to be proclaimed.

Betancur vowed to build a national unity government, for which he would seek aid from both friendly and hostile parties. He said the lifting of martial law would be a first step toward ending Colombia's endemic internal strife. His main goal, he said, was a "just government that benefits the most humble people."

The Liberals, meanwhile, refused to concede defeat, saying that only about half the votes had been counted. Lopez, who was president from 1974 to 1978, was seeking to replace his Liberal partner, Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala, who is to leave office Aug. 7.

Various political analysts and newspapers appeared to back Betancur's claim to victory, saying that his strong early showing in the returns was the start of a nationwide trend. Betancur, whose political career has spanned three decades and included two unsuccessful runs for the presidency, was born to a family of farmers on Feb. 4, 1923, in Amaga, the northwestern province of Antioquia. He was awarded a doctorate at the University of Medellin. After studying law, sociology, and economics in various U.S. universities, Betancur returned to Colombia and taught law.

He was elected to the Colombian House of Representatives, the lower house of Con-

gress, in 1950. He was jailed in 1953 for having organized demonstrations opposing the takeover of Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, who ousted Betancur's conservative colleague, Laureano Gomez.

After his release, he served several terms in the Antioquia regional assembly, then returned to the House of Representatives. He was elected to the Senate in 1958. Four years later, he was named labor minister in the Conservative government of Guillermo Leon Valencia (1962-1966). He ran as a dissident Conservative presidential candidate in 1970.

He was defeated by Misael Pastrana Borrero, who was backed by the Liberals under a pact which allowed for Liberals and Conservatives to alternate in office every four years. He contested the presidency again in 1978, when he was defeated by the present President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala, by only 147,000 votes.

While the Liberals ruled, Betancur consolidated the divided conservatives while assuring his leadership of the party. His efforts paid off in 1981, ending 30 years of internal strife in the party, and giving him the nomination as its sole presidential candidate in November.

sources. Ozdowski's interview was the first official confirmation that he had been moved to Southern Poland. A spokesman for the government's press office said Walesa would be freed under progressing normalization, a codeword for the authorities' bid to restore full government control over the union movement it has said was perverted by anti-Socialist and anti-state forces.

"If the normalization process continues normally, then the authorities agreed to free Lech Walesa and let him work in the union movement," an official in the office of government press spokesman Jerzy Urban said.

Walesa's wife Danuta, meanwhile stopped here Monday on the first leg of an 800 kilometer car trip to the south to see Walesa. Mrs. Walesa was making the trip with Solidarity officials.

Meanwhile, Poland published a statement by a former Solidarity official backing its restoration but saying it should not involve itself in politics. The report by the official news agency PAP continued a public debate aired in the official media since the military takeover and suspension of Solidarity nearly six months ago.

**Mozambican troops 'attack' rebel bases**  
LISBON, May 31 (R) — Thousands of Mozambique government troops have launched a major offensive against rebel bases in an attempt to clear the main road and rail link to Zimbabwe, a guerrilla spokesman here said Monday.

Fighting is raging on either side of the route between the Mozambique port of Beira and Mutema (formerly Umtali), 250 kilometers to the west in Zimbabwe, a spokesman of the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM) told Reuters.

The Lisbon Socialist daily *Portugal Hoje* reported from Mozambique Monday that the Mozambique Army, backed by air force and artillery, was attacking rebel strongholds in Manica province bordering Zimbabwe to try to flush out some 2,000 guerrillas.

The newspaper added there were unconfirmed reports that Zimbabwe and Tanzania had sent troops to provide support for Mozambique soldiers in the operation against the RNM guerrillas, said by Maputo to be armed and financed by South Africa.

The spokesman of the RNM's Lisbon office, the organization's only known voice outside the country, said 3,000 Mozambique soldiers had been sent to the port of Beira last Tuesday to take part in the offensive at the request of Gen. Tomé Eduardo, deputy chief of staff of Mozambique Army.

## Nonaligned begin talks

HAVANA, May 31 (AP) — The conflict in the Falkland Islands and the war between Iran and Iraq top the agenda for the conference of nonaligned foreign ministers which opened here Monday. The five-day conference is also expected to focus on Israel, South Africa and economic ties between rich and poor nations.

Cuban officials said they expect delegates from 80 countries to attend the meeting. The delegations will "review and appraise the international situation" and lay the ground for a nonaligned summit to be held in Baghdad, in September, a conference document says.

Conference sources said Argentina, backed by Cuba, would seek a resolution condemning Britain over the Falkland Islands. The proposed resolution would also denounce the United States and the European Economic Community for their support of Britain.

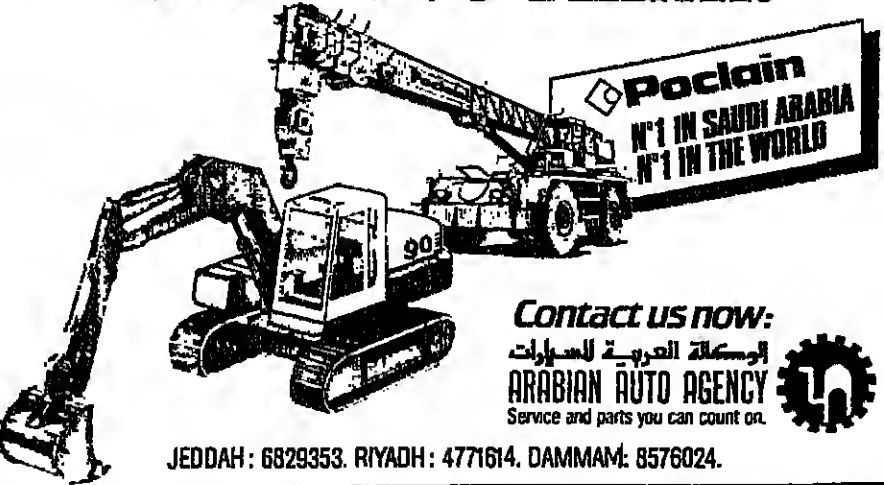
Cuban President Fidel Castro, in his capacity as president of the nonaligned movement, sent a letter to all member nations calling on them to do whatever possible to stop "the Anglo-American aggressions against the Argentine people."

## Bioglass use in body seen

GAINESVILLE, Florida, May 31 (R) — Damaged finger-joints, teeth and even tiny ear bones may soon be replaced by a man-made material that bonds with bone, according to a University of Florida researcher. Larry Hench, co-developer of bioglass — a mixture of quartz, silica sand, sodium oxide, calcium and phosphorous oxides — said he was discussing with several companies how the substance could be used in 36 different applications.

"Conceptually very large portions of a person's body could be made of artificial materials," he said in a statement released by the university.

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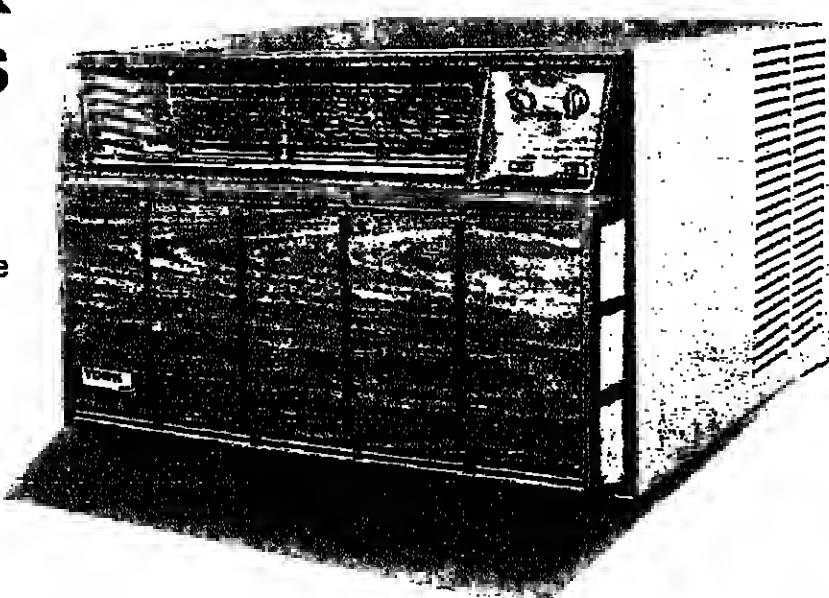
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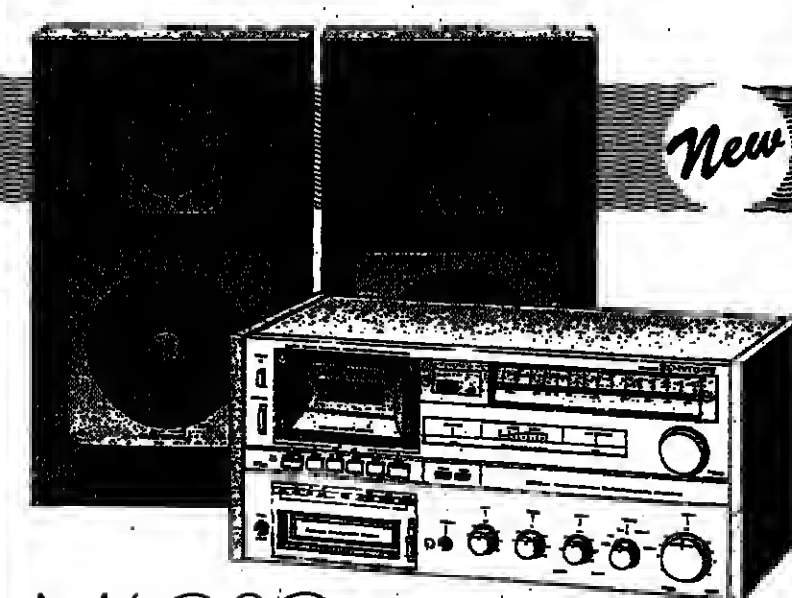


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